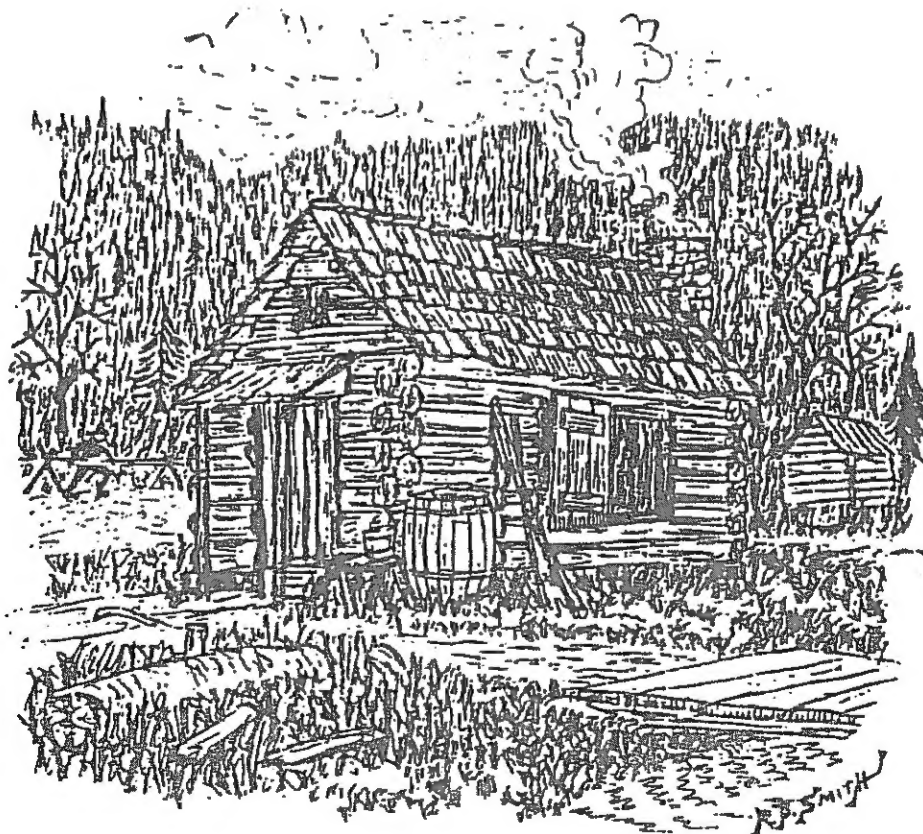


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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members:

You'll notice that this Journal is two issues in one; instead of the usual 50+ pages, there's 100+ pages. That's because we're changing our publication schedule. In an effort to serve our members better and to eliminate some of the confusion of the membership year, Issue 4 will be mailed to you in September at the end of the current membership year. Therefore, when you receive your next issue, please pay your dues if you have not already done so. Our membership year is October 1 - September 31.

There's been a lot of excitement around the library in recent months - some good and some not so good.

Our new Executive Director has been a blessing!

We have leased a new copy machine; and, our V.P., Chuck Gilchrist, is doing all of our printing, except the HCJ, in-house. The machine does good quality prints of photos and does not have a lifetime, i.e., it won't wear out after 300,000 copies.

Our membership for this fiscal year, to date, is 675. That's 175 more members than we had last year at this time!!!! That means more members to service with phone calls, letters, etc. That means there's more for you in HCPD. Note the number of queries in this issue. With 675 members, there should be more. So. . . I challenge you all to submit a query. I'd like to see us have at least 50 queries in the next issue.

Joe and Raydine Teicheira were overcome by carbon monoxide from a faulty water heater regulator before Easter; they're okay but have had a time recuperating. Volunteer Marilyn Pumphrey had angioplasty and is recuperating. Treasurer Elaine Stalnaker is having some health problems. All need our prayers.

If you haven't made your reservations for the 12th Annual Gathering, do so right away. If you've lost your reservation form, there's another in this issue.

By now you will have received a notice of Mining Your History: West Virginia's First Family and Local History Conference. Yours truly is co-chair with Fred Armstrong, Director, West Virginia State Archives. An wide array of topics will be covered by experts from the National Archives, Virginia State Library, WVU, etc. We hope to see several of you there. To get the most for your \$\$, register for the September conference by July 15.

Hope to see you at the Gathering in August!

Joy Gilchrist, Editor

Notes from the HCPD President:

May 1984

**HURRY** - Get your rooms reserved for the Annual Gathering now! The sooner the quicker as one of my bosses would say. There are other events in the HCPD area being scheduled about the same time as our HCPD Annual Gathering. Use the free 800 number (1-800-CALL-WVA) or call the library (304-269-7091) for suggestions to "lock-in" your room now. You will be glad you did!

**CABINS** - With HCPD leadership forming a coalition with Jackson's Mill Conference Center, local earth movers, businesses, civic groups, the Historic Mary Conrad Cabin will finally be moving to an altogether fitting and proper site along with other noteworthy historic mills, cabin, and designated Historic District site at Jackson's Mill. You will be proud to "sit a spell" on the porch of this cabin and learn of the travels of this splendid old cabin. It is a tough "old bird" to have survived so many man-made moves.

**COMPUTERS** - 486 DX or SX or whatever. To continue to update and provide more and better service to HCPD members in their research in genealogy we need a larger computer, one that fits our needs now and in the next few years and yet not be obsolete "in the morning before breakfast." Okey Corley, Bill Frye and HCPD are pooling their knowledge. We are shopping, listening, learning in order to determine what unit to purchase and we are taking our time because of the investment required (about \$4,200.00).

**COMPUTER TRAINING** - Jackson's Mill has offered and HCPD has accepted the opportunity to send six or more members to the Mill to learn to operate computers. This normally would cost about \$95.00 for each member in training; but, because of the HCPD formed coalition, HCPD members will not be charged. (Help others and you will be likewise helped!)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** - For the past 3 months HCPD has hired an Executive Director, Ms. Christina Rumbach, on a contract basis. We have long passed the stage of the Pop and Mom business level. We have a growing budget which reflects a progressive-conservative method of management. Our Library is like a beehive every day. Our volunteers are the greatest in time given and professional skills used to serve an ever growing membership and outreach activities which highlights HCPD in North Central West Virginia and from coast to coast. But. . . Volunteers need time for themselves and to meet family needs. Our door remained open because of our decision to hire an Executive Director. What a blessing to have additional professional help to keep HCPD growing to serve our membership. (cont on page 178)

On May 23rd our financial co-sponsor the Wes-Mon-Ty Resource Conservation Development 12 County Council (RC&D) will be meeting with Christina to explore possibilities of a longer contract. Money and the use of time will be the primary concerns. Wish us well and send us any known grant sources which would help pay for our executive director.

GRANT, small, but greatly appreciated came to HCPD May 14th 1994, when the Secretary of RC&D, Charles Hall, presented a check for \$2000 to our Librarian, Irma Curtis, in the presence of four RC&D Directors. The HCPD President did the grant writing and went through the "red tape" to secure the funds. The grant is for improvements at our HCPD Library.

*Maurice L. Allman*

Maurice L. Allman  
President of HCPD

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HELEN FEST AND HARTZEL STRADER AT THE 1993 GATHERING





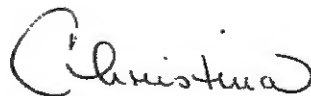
## DIALOGUE WITH THE DIRECTOR

Hello! Let me begin by introducing myself, I am Christina Rumbach, the new Executive Director of HCPD. I have lived in Lewis County most of my life, graduated from Lewis County High School, class of 1987; Glenville State College, Bachelor of Arts degree in History, 1991; and from West Virginia University, Master of Arts degree in Public History, 1993. I began work at the HCPD Library and Museum in February 1994.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers here at the library for the terrific experience of working along side of them; and for all of their help in my transition into the world of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. It has been a pleasure meeting, either in person, by the mail, or over the telephone many of the members. I hope to see and meet many more of you in August at the Gathering!

Life has definitely not been slow here at the Library, and June promises to be a very busy month. In the plans is a Celebration of West Virginia History and Tradition schedule of events for the week of West Virginia's 131 birthday (June 20th). The events will begin with the Stonewall Jackson Lake Boat Show, Father's Day Weekend, where HCPD will be raising money by serving salads and ice tea. On Tuesday, June 21, there will be an Open House here at the Library for anyone interested to (re)introduce them to HCPD and for any member wishing to attend. A display honoring West Virginia and Lewis County History will also be open to the public. On Friday, June 24, dedication ceremonies for the new tombstone on John Hacker's grave. Sunday, June 26, a group of approximately thirty six persons attending the National Endowment for Humanities, Agents of Change, at West Virginia University will meet at the Library for a program by Joy Gilchrist.

I am pleased to be here at HCPD working daily with members like you. It would be a great pleasure to meet all of you. Those driving to Lewis County for the Gathering in August have a safe trip. Everyone, enjoy the summer!!!



Christina Rumbach



**TWELFTH ANNUAL GATHERING AUGUST 11-14, 1994  
STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE STATE PARK**

The 12th Annual Gathering of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc., will be held Thursday, August 11, through Sunday, August 14, 1994. A new site has been selected for this year's event, the Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park located in Lewis County, south of Weston, West Virginia. The State Park's large, air conditioned center will house most of the scheduled events and the temporarily relocated library research material. In conjunction with the HCPD Gathering, arrangements have been made for the Flesher and Jackson families to each hold their annual family reunions during these dates.

Research will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday. A covered-dish dinner that evening, followed by a special get-together for discussion. Genealogical and research seminars are planned for Friday. Bus tours of historic Lewis and Upshur Counties are scheduled for Friday and Saturday afternoons. Evening entertainment will include the Mountain State Cloggers, folklorist and balladeer Noel Tenny, Marjorie Zirk with history of the South Branch region, and hammered dulcimer music by Jean Campbell.

A new addition this year will be a two-day program geared to the younger set - children and grandchildren who would otherwise be left at home during this family-oriented gathering of the clans.

The schedule of events is at the end of this article, but there are some things that you should especially note:

**STONEWALL JACKSON CRUISE:** We have scheduled a cruise aboard the sternwheeler "Stonewall Jackson" on Stonewall Jackson Lake on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. The cruise is 2 1/2 hours. Advance reservations are a must! First reserved, first aboard. \$14.50 per person.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Bernadette Law and Patty Swisher are chairpersons for the covered dish dinner on Thursday evening. HCPD will furnish meat, drinks, and table service. Out-of-towners can bring foods from the deli at Krogers or Foodland, the Colonel's or Hardee's chicken, etc.

**FOOD:** Complimentary pop, coffee, and donuts will be available all day. You are welcome to bring your favorite cookies, candy, etc., for this table.

Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, etc., will be available for lunch each day. Note times when lunch bar will be open in schedule. No reservations required for lunch bar.

Both evening meals will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children aged eleven and under. Reservations must be made for dinner by August 5.

#### Menu

##### Friday Evening

Baked Ham  
Cole Slaw  
Scalloped Potatoes/Sweet  
'Taters  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Surprise Desert  
Rolls, butter & drink

##### Saturday Evening

Roast Beef  
Tossed Salad  
Parseleyed Potatoes  
Buttered Mixed  
Vegetables  
Applecause  
Surprise Desert  
Rolls, butter & drink

**BUS TOURS:** Tours will be via rented school buses. Joy Gilchrist will be your guide for the Hacker's Creek and Souther Lewis County tours. Bill Adler will guide the Weston tour. There will be some walking on all tours. Participants should wear cool, comfortable clothing since the buses are not air conditioned. Fee for tours need not be paid until boarding; however, please indicate on your registration if you think you will be touring. This helps us determine bus size. Fee: \$5 per person.

**LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET:** Weather permitting, an outdoor activity, the memorial service, is planned. You might like to bring lawn chairs or blankets for this activity.

Several reservations have been received for this year's gathering. We hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Cruise aboard the "Stonewall Jackson"

Thursday, August 11

10:00 a.m. Move library and set-up at Center

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\* Registration and library open for research

6:00 p.m. Covered dish dinner

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Informal discussion in conference room

Friday, August 12

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.\* Registration desk opens  
Library open for research

9:45 a.m. Official Opening

10:05 a.m. Children's Bus will leave for tour &  
Jackson's Mill

10:15 a.m. Beginning Genealogy - Charles Gilchrist &  
Joyce Chambers

10:15 a.m. Genealogical Problems and How To Solve Them:  
A Panel Discussion (panel announced later)

11:15 a.m. Archaeology and You - Steve Stathakis

11:15 a.m. Some Factors in Researching Your Ancestry -  
Hartzel Strader

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch bar open

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus tour to Pringle Tree and historic sites  
along Hacker's Creek and in Jane Lew

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Roll Call of States and Families  
Central Connection Cloggers  
Noel Tenney of The Hill Lorists, West  
Virginia Storytellers

Saturday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Registration - Library open

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch bar open

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus tour to Southern Lewis County & Bulltown

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Memorial Service - On hill overlooking lake  
by Mitchell Cemetery

7:30 p.m. Marjorie Zirk  
Jean Campbell

Sunday, August 14

Church services at Walkersville United Methodist Church. Time to be  
announced.

# **BUS TRIP TO CHARLESTON "MINING YOUR HISTORY"**

## **W.Va.'s First Family & Local History Conference September 16 & 17, 1994**

### **COST \$72.00**

Includes: Round trip bus,  
Hotel (Double Occupancy),  
Coffee and Doughnuts on  
bus Friday, Continental  
Breakfast Saturday, Bus  
between hotel and  
conference.

\$36.00 due by July 15.

\$36.00 due by Aug. 15.

Everyone must register by  
July 15, 1994. Must have  
30 registrants by then or  
trip will be canceled.

Money received after Aug.  
15, cannot be refunded.

### **SCHEDULE**

Fri., Sept. 16, 1994

6:00 a.m.

Fairmont

Hardees at Mall

6:30 a.m.

Bridgeport

Hills Plaza

7:00 a.m.

Weston

Market Place Plaza

7:45 a.m.

Flatwoods

Skidmores Truckstop

**Sponsored by Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.**

**To register or more information contact:**

**HCPD, P.O. Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378. 269-7091**

**or**

**Matha Byrd, in Fairmont 363-8925**

## NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The following books have been catalogued in the HCPD Library since our last issue. - Irma Curtis, Librarian.

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<u>Monongalia Co. Births 1867-1876 vol. 3</u>	HCPD
<u>Upshur Co. Births 1853-1897</u>	HCPD
<u>Monongalia Co. Deaths 1853-1872 vol. 1 &amp; 2</u>	HCPD
<u>Monongalia Co. Cemeteries (Clinton Dist.)</u>	HCPD
<u>Randolph Co. Cemeteries</u>	HCPD
<u>Marion Co. Cemeteries (Union &amp; Winfield)</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 1 1789-1809</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 2 1809-1815</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 3 1815-1824</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 4 1823-1827</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 5 1827-1829</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 6 1828-1834</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 7 1834</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 8 1835-1837</u>	HCPD
<u>American State Papers Vol. 9 1790-1823</u>	HCPD
<u>Grass Roots, Index to State Papers</u>	HCPD
<u>Harrison Co. Court Minutes</u>	Hartzel Strader
<u>Monongalia Co. Naturalization Records</u>	Mary Williams
<u>Receipts Paid by Overseer of the Poor</u>	Bob Smith
<u>Virginia Legislative Petitions</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Marion County Marriages 1842-1868</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Tulpehocken Marriages (Hardy &amp; Pendleton)</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Early Virginia Marriages (partial)</u>	Nancy Jackson
<u>Upshur Co. Marriages (partial)</u>	Nancy Jackson
<u>Preston Co. Deaths</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Preston Co. Marriages</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Preston Co. Baptisms</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Index to 1880 WV Census</u>	William A. Marsh
<u>1910 Lewis Co. Census (partial)</u>	Nancy Jackson
<u>Braxton Co. 1840 Census</u>	Elaine Stalnaker
<u>Randolph Co. Census 1787</u>	Raymond Wolfe Jr.
<u>Roy Bird Cook Collection, Catalog of</u>	Joy Gilchrist
<u>Gregg Family</u>	Emoline Lynch
<u>Fell Family In America</u>	
<u>Historic Fells</u>	
<u>Some Quaker Families (Scarborough - Haworth)</u>	Nancy Jackson
<u>Fells of Longlands</u>	
<u>Van Camp Family</u>	Beecher Rhoades
<u>Wetzel Family</u>	
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<u>Alkire</u>	
<u>Anawalt</u>	
<u>Barb</u>	Nora (Barb) Corley

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Bennett  
Brake  
Brown  
Buckley  
Bush  
Cain  
Casto  
Cline

Misc. Families XVI

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Cunningham  
Cunningham  
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Dennison  
Dobbins  
Duvall  
Elloitt  
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Exline  
Farnsworth  
Fleming  
Fultz

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Godfrey  
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<u>Stonewall Homemakers</u>	
<u>Rohr Reunion</u>	
<u>Augusta Co. History (partial)</u>	
<u>Virginia History</u>	
<u>Virginia Genealogists Vol. 13</u>	
<u>Virginia Genealogists Vol. 14</u>	
<u>Ohio Co., W.V. Genealogical Society</u>	
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<u>WV - A History for Beginners</u>	John A. Williams
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#### CORRECTION TO HARDMAN ARTICLE IN LAST ISSUE

HCJ Vol. XII, Iss 1, p 53: Emma Snyder of Orlando, WV, says that John C. Hardman and Dafina were not divorced. Dafina had died when John married Nancy.

## IS SHE ONE OF OURS?

Eleanor Womer, Apt 337, 1655 Georgetown, Wichita, KS 67218-4125, sent in the clipping before which appeared in her paper in January 1993. Can any branch of the Lewis County Hardmans claim her?

## One of oldest sisters dies at 112

PEABODY (AP) — A woman, who lived past the age of 90, whose family longevity earned her and her sister an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records died in her sleep Wednesday morning at a nursing home in this south-central Kansas town.

Relatives of Danelle Hardman

Eby said she was 111 years old, but the Peabody Memorial Nursing Home records showed she was 112.

Eby and her sister, Katherine Hardman Davenport, 109, were listed in the 1992 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records as "the oldest living siblings in the United States." Davenport lives in Mexico, Mo.

The family had a history of long lives with three siblings

in the home's dining room and kept in good spirits.

Eby's life began when James Garfield was president, electric street lamps were a thing of wonder and Kansas became the first state to go dry. She lived throughout Kansas and Missouri.

Eby's father was a second lieutenant in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Her great-grandfather was a confidant of George Washington.

In 1918, Eby married a doctor and moved to Howard.

**"UNCLE ED" AND "AUNT BIRD" SMITH,  
BORN AND REARED NEAR LOST CREEK,  
RECALL DAYS WHEN STATE WAS FORMED**

Submitted by Katharine Washburn Whiting - "Part of the chimney and chimney base of this house is standing, 1993. "Uncle Ed" and "Aunt Bird" Smiths' granddaughter Ruth did live across the road from old Jane Lew School. I do not know whether Charles H. Washburn or someone else wrote this article, nor whether the year was 1934, 1935, 1936. It was in the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram."

**COUPLE CELEBRATED 61st WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LAST FALL**

LOST CREEK, May 11 - Uncle "Ed" and Aunt "Bird" Smith, who last fall celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary, knew West Virginia while it still was a part of Old Virginia and recollect well incidents of the state's formation.

To strangers they are Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Smith but to folks in this section they are known as Uncle "Ed" and Aunt "Bird". Both were born and reared in the vicinity of Lost Creek and both still love the land the years have taught them to reverence more.

**Fourth Generation**

"Uncle Ed" represents the fourth generation of his family in America. His great-grandfather, Thomas Smith, was born in England, May 23, 1734, and migrated to New Jersey in 1760. According to records in the offices of the adjutant general of that state, "Thomas Smith served as a private in the first regiment, Monmouth county, New Jersey Continental Line; private, Captain Aaron Ogend's company; First regiment, New Jersey continental line; also, private, New Jersey state troops during the Revolutionary War.

The Smith family records taken from New Jersey data of marriage certificates, wills and from the Bible of Walter Smith, entered in his handwriting, gives the following information:

Thomas Smith was born in England and came to Trenton, N.J., about 1760. He married Sarah, second child of Joseph Green, January 25, 1764. Her grandfather, William Green, came to America from England about 1700 and married Joanna Reeder. Sarah Green was born in Hunterdon County, N.J., August 19, 1744. Thomas Smith died in Monmouth County, N.J., October 17, 1799, in his fifty-seventh year. The following are children of Thomas and Sarah Smith; John Smith, born, married and died in New Jersey. Watters Smith, born July

15, 1767, died March 23, 1849, in Harrison county, Virginia. Hannah and Nancy Smith died single. Hannah died August 12, 1803. Rebecca Smith married Samuel Morris in New Jersey and moved to Harrison county, Virginia, in 1818. There is no date for the birth or death of Joseph Smith, the youngest child.

#### Shipwreck Victim

Joseph Smith was a sickly child and tradition has it that he was sent to England to visit relatives there. The ship on which he sailed was wrecked and he was drowned. Grief over his death caused the death of his mother, Sarah Green Smith, November 15, 1801.

Watters Smith married Elizabeth Davisson, daughter of William Davisson of New Jersey, about 1793. William Davisson was a neighbor of Thomas Smith, and Elizabeth was a first cousin of Watters Smith, her husband. Watters Smith came with his wife's family from New Jersey to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and lived near the home of Albert Gallatin, serving as a militaman in the Whiskey Rebellion. In the spring of 1796 Watters Smith and wife moved to Duck Creek (Harrison county, Virginia) and located on a farm which he purchased from John Prunty, a former sheriff, for sixty pounds. The deed bears the date of January 21, 1792. Thomas Smith, father of Waters Smith, had purchased on September 18, 1787, a tract of one thousand acres adjoining the Watters Smith farm from the same owner. This tract was afterwards bought by William Davisson and settled by two of his heirs.

William Davisson Jr., married Mary Maple of Philadelphia, and Ann Davisson Gaston, wife of John Gaston. The deed to the latter tract is a prized possession of the Gaston descendants. It is engraved on parchment, the dates and descriptions of the tract filled in in fine old script. The land was deeded to John Prunty, the survey having been made October 1, 1785, and signed at Richmond, Va., by Patrick Henry, then governor of the commonwealth. (Note: During the British occupation of Philadelphia Mary Maple was a companion of Sir Henry Clinton's daughter and was a Tory.)

#### Other Pioneer Families

The Smith, Gaston and Davisson families were joined in making the permanent pioneer settlement on Duck Creek by the West brothers, Job, Nathan and Nathaniel, who came from Pennsylvania.

Watters and Elizabeth Davisson Smith lived off what is now the A.A. Smith farm on Duck Creek. To them were born eight children. Sarah, born April 2, 1794, married Benjamin

Holden: Charles, born November 3, 1796, the first white child born on the waters of Duck Creek, married Mary Grant and was the grandfather of Edward G. Smith, president of the board of governors of West Virginia University, and Atty. Harvey F. Smith of Clarksburg. Elizabeth (Betsy) Smith, born August 25, 1798, married James Faris. Thomas Smith II, born July 29, 1800, died young. Andrew D. Smith, born August 6, 1802, died July 3, 1818; Nancy Smith, born August 20, 1808, married James Bailey; John D. Smith, born November 12, 1810, married Mary Maddox, daughter of Mathew Maddox; Watters Smith, Jr., born September 2, 1804 married Ruanan West, daughter of Job West.

Watters Smith, Sr., died in 1849 and his wife, Elizabeth, died July 20, 1839. Both were buried in the Broad Run Baptist Church cemetery. They were charter members of the Broad Run church. A quotation from the West Virginia Review for July, 1932, follows: "The Society of the Broad Run church dates back to February 5, 1804, when Elder John Carney of the West Virginia Board of Missions held a meeting, presumably at the home of Watters Smith on Duck Run, Harrison county. An organization was formed to be known as the Good Hope Baptist church, with Smith as deacon and Job West as clerk. Other charter members were Mrs. Watters Smith, Mrs. Job West, Samuel Romine and wife, and Solomon Squires and wife. Job West kept the records on brown paper. They were written with a pencil made of lead bullets. The name of the church was formerly changed from Good Hope to Broad Run in 1818."

#### Married in 1829

Watters Smith, Jr., and Ruanna West were married by the Rev. Jacob Bennett, November 6, 1829. According to records in their old Bible, now<sup>1</sup> in possession of Everette Edmonds, of Duck Creek, one of the great-grandchildren, their children were as follows: Sally Ann, born May 9, 1829; Thomas, born April 20, 1830, died May 20, 1830; Gilbert, born September 12, 1831, died November 25, 1831; John, born March 10, 1833, and died April 12, 1833; James, born September 1, 1834, died October 22, 1834; twins, William and Wellington, born August 9, 1835. Wellington died December 8, 1841; Mary, born February 3, 1808; Elizabeth, born March 2, 1840; Andrew J., born April 5, 1842; Eliza, born March 30, 1844; Watters III, born July 7, 1846, died September 2, 1846; Virginia, born November 4, 1849, died January 2, 1850, and Edward Newton, born September 7, 1851.

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<sup>1</sup>1930's

The Smiths clearly recall that the Civil War brought to the section now West Virginia a period of distress and uncertainty. Torn between sympathy for the southern people and allegiance to the Union, it was an extremely trying time, even for the non-combatants, the Smith remember.

### Taken to Prison

Life-long friends and neighbors were then discovered to be bitter enemies. Men were ruled by passion rather than by reason, and sometimes acts of treachery resulted. Watters Smith, known to be a Democrat and southern sympathizer, was one day the victim of a neighbor's perfidy. While working in the fields he was approached by four soldiers who told him he was summoned to appear before military court at Weston. Smith asked if he might eat dinner and dress before going and invited them to eat also. They gave him permission to do this, declining dinner. They went on, leaving him "on his honor" to appear at court. He went on foot to Weston and found the officers in different moods. Instead of being given a trial, he was immediately thrown into jail to await transportation to Camp Chase, the Federal military prison near Columbus, Ohio. It was learned later that the charge against him was that one of the older Smith daughters had danced on a flag pole in derision of the Union. A prominent member of the community whose views were different from those of Watters Smith had told this story, which years later he admitted was an injustice. The three months' imprisonment almost cost Smith his life as the poor quarters of the jail brought about a serious illness.

A friend learned the day the prisoners were to be taken from Weston to Camp Chase and wrote to Mrs. Smith. She prepared clothing and other articles and took them to the crossroads where the hack would pass. Edward Smith, then a young boy, went along with her and just before the hack moved on his father called to him, "Ed, get this." He then pitched him a silver halfdollar, which Mr. Smith still has. The coin is much worn but has the date 1799 (inscribed on it).

While the elder Smith was still at Camp Chase an effort was made to send Mrs. Smith and her children farther south. It was thought this was the maneuvering of two neighbors who planned to appropriate to their own use the crops and stacks of the Smiths. At least, when they returned unexpectedly, the cows and calves had been separated and one neighbor was milking the cows. Uncle "Ed" chuckles in his recollections that the other neighbor got his corn planted so late that year that it was almost a failure.

Taken to Clarksburg, Mrs. Watters Smith appeared before the magistrate there and made an oath that she had no



friends or relatives further south and that her support was in Camp Chase. Then after individually swearing allegiance to the Union they were allowed to return home. She paid the cab driver five dollars to take her and the children back to Duck Creek.

#### Slept in Church

The adults have always considered it a great joke on "Ed" that when asked what he wanted for breakfast he replied, "Chicken." Doubtless, it was rather disappointing to him as a lad when, after he had requested chicken, to receive only black coffee and some hard bread. The first night they were in Clarksburg the Smiths and others in custody of the Union soldiers slept in the old Episcopal church on Main street. Mr. Smith recalls that the sexton refused the officer, Captain Lat Brown, keys to the church, so the captain called some of his husky guards and forced open the doors to gain entrance. That night young "Ed" slept lustily on the floor between the pews. They spent the following night at the Bartlett hotel.

Meanwhile, Uncle Watters Smith, his father, had fallen critically ill in Camp Chase. Acting on the advice of a Clarksburg lawyer, Mrs. Smith circulated a petition for the release of her husband and took it to Columbus in person. (Other petitions to the same effect had never gotten beyond local offices.) There she was allowed to take Mr. Smith to a hotel and care for him while the petition was being sent to Washington. A physician advised Mrs. Smith to give her husband whiskey baths twice daily, and it is said these saved his life. In ten days they were permitted to return home. Mr. Smith, under \$4,000 bond for the duration of the war and still in a precarious state of health.

#### Was Rebel Soldier

Andrew J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watters Smith, served in Company E. under William L. Jackson, in the rebel army. He was a delightful raconteur and most interesting individual. He delighted in telling of his youthful escapades.

That summer young Edward was the man of the house and plowed corn with an old shovel plow, while the women folk hoed it. It was a large field of new ground and Mr. Smith recalls that they had a thousand bushels of ear corn, which was considered a bumper crop.

Watters Smith died February 19, 1880, and his wife died December 4, 1890. Both are buried in the Broad Run Cemetery.

The Gastons, according to tradition, are descendants of a French nobleman, and were among the Huguenots driven from

France by the Catholics. Three brothers came to America. One of these settled in Massachusetts; one in New Jersey, and the other in North Carolina. (The town of Gastonia is said to be named for one of the descendants, Judge Gaston.) With the New Jersey branch those on Duck Creek are most concerned, although due to a fire in a New Jersey court house, which destroyed records, it is impossible to trace the lineage accurately beyond a certain point.

#### First of Gastons

The first of the Gastons on Duck Creek was John Gaston, who arrived there about 1779 with his wife, the former Anna Davisson, from New Jersey. He built a cabin on the eastern side of the road, just north of the residence of Charles Gaston. He was a blacksmith. The gravestones in the old graveyard on the Harley Gaines farm show that he was born in New Jersey in 1753 and died on Duck Creek, April 6, 1829. Anna D. Gaston was born February 19, 1765, and died August 8, 1854, according to Bible records.

To John and Anna Davisson Gaston were born ten children, all of whom were living at the time of their mother's death: Hugh, Andrew, John, James, William, Sarah, Deborah, Jane, Margaret and Mary.

County records show that John Gaston and Elizabeth Morris were married in 1820; Andrew Gaston and Dorcas Stephens in 1821, and Job West and Mary Gaston, in 1803.

Leaves from an old Bible give the following family record: William Gaston, (Mrs. Smith's father) was born February 1, 1806, and died May 21, 1894. His wife, nee Mary Post, daughter of George Post and Elizabeth Peterson, was born October 31, 1809, and died December 4, 1887. They were married February 5, 1829, and were the parents of six children: Abraham Gaston, born February 7, 1830, married Sarah Ann Morris October 23, 1851. George Gaston, born September 23, 1831, married Martha Ann Gibson August 26, 1856. Elizabeth Gaston, born July 29, 1835, was married to John Davisson October 30, 1859. John W. Gaston, born December 26, 1838, married Maria Burnside December 29, 1859. Enoch Gaston born August 16, 184[], married first Laura S. Sheets on November 9, 1865. His second wife, Flora Bond, whom he married October 20, 1881, survives him. Mary Bird Gaston, born January 12, 1853. Note: Enoch Gaston served also in the southern army, under a commander named Jenkins.

#### Smith-Gaston Marriage

On November 13, 1873, Edward N. Smith and Mary Bird Gaston were united in marriage by the Rev. Samuel Davis. To

them were born the following children: Cecil Beaumont, born August 27, 1874, married Inis M. Watson of Lewis county, November 14, 1900, and resides<sup>2</sup> on Duck Creek. Iy, born February 13, 1876, died March 18, 1877; Laura, born September 8, 1878, married William H. McWhorter June 20, 1897, and lives at McWhorter; Ernest Wellington, born August 9, 1880, was married to Janie Iantha King of Richmond, Va., September 6, 1905. Clara, born September 5, 1882, married Lawrence G. Kincheloe of Parkersburg September 6, 1908, and lives at 313 St. Clair St., Clarksburg; Everett, born January 9, 1885, died February 7, 1885; Boyd E., born July 18, 1886, died January 14, 1887; Arlie, born May 25, 891, lives at home; Tensie, born June 22, 1894, was married to Marshal J. Morrison, of Salem, November 7, 1920, and lives in Baltimore, Md. There are 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One of the most trying experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's later life was the tragic death of their son, Dr. Ernest W. Smith, of Washington, D.C., who with his wife and son was killed when his automobile collided with another machine February 1, 1931, near Fredericksburg, Va.

The farm to which Mr. Smith brought his bride, and where they still reside, was ninety acres. The farm has also been added to and now comprises 148 acres.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat and follows current events avidly in the daily newspaper. Although unable to work much on the farm he gets around nimbly and supervises the work. Mrs. Smith is in failing health, but has a clear mind. This spring she had pieced two quilt tops and was working on the third one when her present indisposition overtook her. Aunt "Bird" throughout her lifetime has always been busy at something.

#### Helped Found Church

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Duck Creek Methodist Protestant church, which the Gaston family helped to found in 18[1]1, and until recently they attended all of the services there. Devoutly religious and of unimpeachable character, they have led the Duck Creek community for the good. To have fought a good fight and kept the faith as these two venerable people have done is truly an accomplishment worthy of emulation.

Sharing is the keynote in the lives of these two remarkable folk who have lived a life span of more than four

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<sup>2</sup>The reader is reminded that this article was written in the 1930's and most of those persons referred to in the present tense are now deceased.

score years. To few is given the privilege of sharing a life so full of activity through such an important period of history. They have been close friends since shortly after birth. Both were born a decade before West Virginia became a state, and have the most poignant childhood memories of the throes of the war between the states, and experiencing the economic vicissitudes occasioned by two subsequent major struggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Smith have lived through twenty presidential administrations and observed first hand the transition of the family a self-sustaining economic unit to one depending upon the outside world for much that they consumed.

Aunt "Bird" has spun the wool and woven countless yards of linen jersey and jean, raised the flax and woven the linen from the thread made therefrom, and then made the family wearing apparel from the materials thus acquired. The family loom and old spinning wheel are now stored in the second story of an outbuilding where the older grandchildren remember sitting beside Aunt "Bird," watching her weave carpets. Making candles and soap were other things that she did well.

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July 18, 1936; IV. Julia Ann b. Oct 1838; V. John L. D. in infancy; IX. William Adelbert b. Apr 1850 Sharon, Mercer Co., PA; X. Orlando Chester b. Jan 1853.

33. SOLOMON (same as 31) b. 1809. Left his home in Mercer Co., PA when a young man and was never heard of afterward.

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**1910 DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WV, CENSUS NOW AVAILABLE**

Meredith E. Dando and Susie D. Nicholson have given HCPD permission to reprint the 1910 Doddridge County, WV, census which they compiled from the microfilm. Thanks, ladies, for compiling this census; it's great to have some information from a county where so little is available!

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## JOHN ALKIRE (ca. 1750-1823)

by Robert L. Alkire  
and  
W. Louis Phillips, C.G.

After several years of Alkire research by Robert L. Alkire and W. Louis Phillips, C.G., we wanted to resent a summary of our findings regarding John Alkire (ca.1750-1823). Our main attempt was to locate the parents of John, a goal which has regrettably not been accomplished to date. Several new and interesting facts re John have been discovered, however, which we would like to share with you.

On page 95 of "White Family Records" by Arden J. White (1971), he erroneously states that John Alkire was a son of Almonius Alkire who was born ca. 1730 did indeed have a son named John, but his birth and death dates were 1764 and 1836 respectively, obviously not our person of interest.

There has been some speculation that John Alkire may have been a son of William Alkire (b.1724), but no proof of such a relationship has been located. Further researching may very well prove that William was John's father.

Many sources have listed John's date of death as 1828. We believe he died in 1823 instead. This conclusion was based upon Lewis Co., Va (now WV) tax records. As of 1822, John was paying taxes on 100 acres of land that he owned in Lewis Co. In 1823, his "heirs" were paying these taxes which implies that John was dead. As of 1824, Joseph Alkire, a son of John, was paying the taxes on the same parcel.

According to Lewis Co. deed B: 510 dated 11 April 1823, John Alkire sold the above 100 acres to Joseph Alkire (his son), probably just prior to dying. This raises the question as to why "heirs" appeared in the tax records instead of "Joseph" if he owned the land. Since this was a time of transition regarding ownership, and the clerks at the courthouse probably knew of John's death, it quite understandable that "heirs" would be entered into the ledgers. There is little doubt that our people of interest were the ones mentioned in the tax records.

Since John apparently divested himself of all real estate holdings prior to his death, this explains why no probate proceedings were initiated upon his death. By deeding away his land prior to dying, he essentially settled his own estate. Probate proceedings only took place when there was property or wealth to be distributed amongst the heirs. John may have given the other children money as part of their inheritance, but no record of such arrangements has been seen. Perhaps the \$300 paid by Joseph found its way to the other children? It does not appear as if John Alkire was a wealthy man judging from his land holdings.

It would seem logical that John Alkire and his wife Christena continues to reside upon the 100 acre parcels with their son Joseph, probably until their deaths. this seems especially likely for at least John who seems to have died shortly after the sale of the 100 acres in April of 1823. It is also quite likely that John and Christena were buried in a nearby cemetery, or perhaps even upon the grounds of the farm, but to date no tombstones for either have been found. If tombstones were erected, it's quite likely they are now eroded beyond recognition, destroyed or down upon the ground. It would be fortunate if the latter were the case because that would stop the weathering process. there is also the possibility that tombstones may have been erected or replaced by a later generation who didn't want to see their ancestors disappear into oblivion.

It would be interesting to see if a reward for the location of John and Christena's tombstones produced any results in Lewis Co. Such an ad could be placed in the local newspaper. This could have some negative side effects, however, if some bounty hunters got overly zealous in their search of graveyards (turning over falled tombstones, etc.).

According to Deed B: 510 (1823), John's last land holding of 100 acres was located 3 miles north of the Lewis Co. Courthouse at Weston. Some cemeteries in this general area have been explored by Robert L. Alkire. Alkires were found buried in the area, but not John and Christena. A title searcher in Lewis Co. was engaged to locate the exact position of John's parcel today, but complicated transactions prevented her from doing so for a reasonable price.

Churches in the area have not been contacted to our knowledge to see if they have any relevant records. This may prove fruitful in the future if records for our period of interest are extant. Some of the churches have probably become defunct over the years, others merged or changed names, and some to the records may have found their way to regional or state archives operated by the various denominations. The first logical step in this area would be to start knocking on the doors of the existing churches to see if they have any records.

The first known or suspected child of John and Christena Alkire was a daughter named Mary Ann who was born ca. 1771. Based upon this information, one could assume that John and Christena married ca. 1770. To date, no marriage record has been discovered in various VA sources. Perhaps it will surface someday in some church records? John's date of birth (ca. 1750) is only an approximation based upon the birth of his first child. It's quite possible that John Alkire could have been born several years prior to 1750. It would seem likely, however, that the 1750 date is fairly accurate if he died in 1823. He would have

been aged ca. 73 at the time of his death which was a ripe old age in that time period.

It is not clear what Christena's maiden name was. Arden J. White reported it to be McCann and Judge Carter mentioned it may be Wolf(e). No proof of Christena's maiden name has been seen. It's interesting to note that there were McCanns residing in Lewis County close to the Alkires. Judge Carter treats this in some detail in his publication. There was also speculation that Christena's maiden name may have been Staats. This takes on some degree of credibility when one considers the fact that an Elijah Staats owned 400 acres in Lewis Co. and John Alkire's last parcel of 100 acres was part of this 400 acres.

The first documented location of our John Alkire in Virginia was in Harrison County as of 1785. He appeared on a tax list as John "Alguire." It is not known where he and his family were residing prior to this date. They were apparently somewhere in VA as of at least 1777 because John's son, Adam Alkire (1777-1862), was listed as being born in VA in the 1850 Madison County census records. This Adam is buried in Clime Cemetery in Franklin Twp., Franklin Co., OH. His tombstone is down, but quite legible.

Robert L. Alkire's ancestor, Emanuel Alkire (1779-1849), was also probably born in Virginia. There is no firm proof that Adam and Emanuel were sons of John Alkire, but several authors (White & Carter) have presented supporting arguments that they were.

Family tradition states that John Alkire served during the Revolutionary War, but no proof of such service has been located at the National Archives or in various VA records. He was of the right age to have possibly served, and may have very well done so. There was a John Alkire who served in Capt. John Skidmore's Company during Lord Dunmore's War (1774), which is often considered as part of the struggle for independence, but upon exhaustive examination of records for this war and Skidmore records, this John Alkire appears to have been the John of Augusta Co. and later Pendleton Co., VA and not our person of interest. This John was mentioned in Joseph Skidmore's estate (1779) in Augusta County, Joseph being the father of Capt. John Skidmore.

The first known parcel of land to be owned by John Alkire was 400 acres on Hacker's Creek in Harrison Co., VA which he received via a patent dated 11 Sept. 1787. No records regarding this patent have been seen so far. The only indication that such a patent existed was a mention of such in Harrison Co. deed 1: 114 (1790) where we find John & Christena selling off 200 of the 400 acres to William Hackney. Research is currently underway to locate possible patent records of John.

There is no John Alkire/Alguire/etc. listed in "Sims Index to Land Grants in WV (1952)" which includes VA grants



in the area that later became WV. It is not known why John Alkire's 400 acre grant did not appear in this index, It seems like it should have. There are early entries for other Alkires as follows on the next page:

#### Hampshire County

Maunis Alkier	294 acres	Wts. Potomac	1765	:	243
Maunus (Maurus) Alkire	304 acres	S. Branch	1788	8:	102

#### Hardy County

Michael Alkire	108 acres	S. Branch	1790	1:	122
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#### Harrison County

David Alkire	30 acres	West Fork	1817	6:	296
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(possibly a son of John)

#### Lewis County

numerous Alkires - all entries after 1830

It is interesting to note that a Jacob Wolfe owned land that adjoined John's 400 acre parcel in Harrison Co. If Christena's maiden name was indeed Wolfe, perhaps this Jacob was of some relation? Possible probate records for this Jacob Wolfe have not been pursued to date to our knowledge, but probably should be to see if Christena Alkire might be mentioned, possibly as a daughter?

In 1791, John Alkire sold the remaining 200 acres of his 400 acre parcel to Jacob Wolf, probably the same Jacob as mentioned above. In 1796, John Alkire purchased 127 acres from Elias Hughes according to Harrison Co. deed 2: 433. John and Christena sold this parcel in 1798 to Joseph Coonrod according to Harrison Co. deed 4: 150-151.

In 1802, John purchased the 100 acre tract which he and Christena later sold in 1823 to son Joseph as discussed earlier. This parcel was retained by Joseph Alkire until 1843 when it was sold to John Talbott as recorded in Lewis Co. deed K: 273 (Lewis Co. was created in 1816 from part of Harrison Co.).

The following entry was found in "Record of Indentures or Individuals Bound Our as Apprentices, Servants, etc. and of German and Other Redemptioners in the Office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, 3 Oct. 1771 to 5 Oct. 1773," page 130: (PA German Soc.)

d.21 Sep 1772 - John Alekeiser indentured to Anna Maria Alekeiser and her assigns, no residence given, apprentice, 6 years and months for half a pound.

I suppose it's possible that the above John Alekeiser is our person of interest. If he followed the conditions of

the indenture, he would have been bound until ca 1778, probably in Philadelphia. We do know that our John was active in Virginia as of 1777 because that is when and where Adam Alkire was born. It would seem likely that the above John Alekeiser was probably a lad as of 1772 and hence probably quite a bit younger than our John Alkire (b ca 1700).

A researcher in Virginia found the following information in The Registers of North Farnham Parish, 1663-1814, and Lunenburg Parish, 1783-1800, Richmond Co., Virginia by George H.S. King (1966): page 2 - John and Ann Algar, twins of Samuel & Mary Algar, born 9 February 1749. (Samuel and Mary Algar had 13 other children, including two more sets of twins.)

There was some speculation that the above John Algar (b. 1749) might be our person of interest, but nothing positive has been established. The above Samuel's will was probated in 1750 in Richmond Co., VA, under the surname of "Algair." No son John was mentioned in this will, possibly because the twins were born so close to his death? The mother's (Mary Alger) will was probated in 1762 in Richmond County and was very disappointing in that only one daughter was mentioned by name. Because this surname never appeared as Alguire or Alkire, there is some question as to whether this Algar data pertains to our Alkire research. The first names observed among the siblings of John Algar did not resemble naming patterns we have observed in the Alkire families. We do have considerable data on hand regarding this Samuel Algar and his wife Mary.

A researcher in Ohio who specialized in German records seems to think that Harmonius would translate into Hermannus in German. Based upon name associations with regards to geographic locations in Germany, Harmonius Alkire (Alscher) may have come from some village near Sigen, Germany. We have some additional data on this subject if anyone is interested. There was a migration of ironworkers from the Siegen area to the Germanna colony who were imported by Governor Alexander Spotswood of VA to work his iron furnace. Forty-two persons came to Germanna (on the south side of the Rapidan River) in 1714 and a second group in 1717 (about 80 persons). A third group arrived in 1719.

If the Alkires of Virginia ever resided in some different area of America during the colonial period, no firm indication of such has been seen to date. The 1790 PA census index does not list any Alkires and only one Alguire (Joseph). If they had been in Pennsylvania earlier, one would expect to find some remaining behind?

As interesting entry for a William Algure appears on pages 486 and 487 of Volume 3 of the First Series of the New Jersey Archives. He appeared in a list of names of residents of Woodbridge as of 1699. Further examination of

the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Archives series produced nothing helpful re Alkires. It appears that Virginia should continue to be the main focus of investigation.

Find attached a chronology sheet for John Alkire that summarizes some of the known facts or suspected facts about him. Hopefully, some day it will come to light who his parents were. We invite any comments or suggestions as to our research. We will be glad to provide anyone with further details on any aspect of our research. Six large notebooks of information have been assembled regarding John Alkire and his descendants. We plan to photocopy the contents of these notebooks and place copies of such in the State library of Ohio and at the Ohio Historical Society Library, both in Columbus. Best regards, and please write.

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#### CHRONOLOGY

John Alkire/Alkier/Algire/Alguire/etc. ca. 1750-1823

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
ca 1750	born	
ca 1770	m Christena McCann or Wolf(e)	probably in VA
ca 1771	dau Mary Ann born	same
ca 1772	dau Catherine born	same
11 Apr 1777	son Adam born	VA
8 Nov 1779	son Emanuel born	probably in VA
ca 1780/81	dau Margaret born	same
ca 1782	son David born	same
1785	John "Alguire" appears on a tax list - 8 at household The figure "8" agrees nicely with the family as listed above.	Harrison Co., VA

11 Sep 1787	John was issued a patent for 400 acres on Hacker's Creek	Harrison Co., VA
ca 1787	dau Christina born	probably in Harrison Co.
20 Sep 1790	John & Christena sold off 200 acres of the above 400 acres	Harrison Co.,
18 Apr 1791	John & Christena sold off the remaining 200 acres of the patent	same
ca 1792	son Joseph born	in VA
ca 1793	dau Sarah/Sally born	probably Harrison Co.
19 Sep 1796	John purchased 100 acres on the West Fork	same
19 Mar 1798	John & Christena sold the above parcel	same
16 Oct 1802	John purchased 100 acres on the West Fork	same
1810	John Alkier appears in the census records	
1820	John Alkire appears in the census records	Lewis Co., VA (created in 1816)
1822	John Alkire appears in tax records	
11 Apr 1823	John & Christena sold 100 acres on the West Fork to son Joseph	same
1823	John Alkire's "heirs" appears in tax records	same
1824	Joseph Alkire paying taxes on the 100 acre parcel	same
ca Apr 1823	John Alkire probably died wife Christena was still alive as of 11 Apr 1823	Probably in Lewis Co

GENEALOGY AND BRIEF HISTORY  
OF THE DESCENDANTS OF  
JOB AND HANNAH (Winmans) COZAD  
OF BRANCHVILLE  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

GENEALOGY AND BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COSSART FAMILY  
1662 - 1772

COSAD, CASAD, COZAD, COZARD, etc., are the various ways in which a name is now spelled, which at the time the family first settled in America was spelled "COSSART", the family at this time coming from Germany and the name in German being pronounced in this way. In their native language (French) the final "t" was not pronounced, the name ending as with "r". A branch of the family settling in the Southern Colonies, descendants of which may be found through the Southern states, especially among the French Creole families of Louisiana, (a former governor of that state being a member of said branch) spell the name Cruzat, Crozat, Cozart.

The family was originally French Huguenots, their homes being in northern France, a Catholic branch still living near Rouen. During the period of the great persecution of the Huguenots through the seventeenth century many of the family perished at the hands of the Catholics, others fled to the mountains of Switzerland and to Germany, Holland, England, Scotland and some came to the American colonies, settling along the shores of Massachusetts, New York and the Carolinas.

The branch of the family whose descendants are found in the following Genealogy came from France through Holland to the American colonies in 1665, the first immigrant being:

1. JACQUES COSSART, who after taking his letter from the Huguenot church at Leyden, Holland, sailed with his wife and two children, aged 5 years and 18 months respectively, on the ship Pumerlander Kerch, Oct. 14, 1662, settling in the colony of New Netherland, at the town of New Amsterdam, on Manhattan Island (now New York). The following spring (1663) they joined the Dutch Reform church at this place. They later lived on Long Island (now Brooklyn) where the name of his wife appears on an old church list as Lydia Willems, widow of Jacques Cossart. They had children as follows: I. Janet m. Jacob Goel; II. Jacques, Jr.; III. David; IV. Anthony.

## 2nd GENERATION

2. JACQUES, Jr. (Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 11, 1668 m. Anna Marie Springsteer.

3. DAVID (Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. June 18, 1671 m. Styvlie Joris in 1696 who was said to be of Flushing, Long Island. He was in New York in 1703, a mason by trade, bought land in 1708 and conveyed it in 1719 to his son-in-law John Harpending. In that deed he is called of Somerset County, New Jersey. His will of June 4, 1736, was probated in New York, Jan. 30, 1740, he then being David Cosart, gentleman of Somerset County, New Jersey. The births of their children are recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church of New York city. They were as follows: I. Lea, July 21, 1697 m. Hendrick Harpending; 5.II. Joris; III. Jacob, Jan. 1702; 6.IV. David; V. Maria b. July 3, 1706 m. -- Williamson; VI. Susanna b. Apr. 10, 1709 m. -- Conine; VII. Johanne b. Nov. 6, 1711; VIII. Nellie b. Dec. 7, 1712; IX. Jannetie b. May 15, 1715; 7.X. Francis; XI. Effie b. Sep. 23, 1719.

4. ANTHONY (Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 19, 1673, lived in Brooklyn and had a son born at that place named: 8. Jacob, b. Oct. 16, 1701: d. Apr. 19, 1772

## 3rd GENERATION

5. JORIS (David<sup>3</sup> Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. Nov. 19, 1699 m. Sep. 16, 1730 to Elizabeth Hooglandt. Left soon after his marriage for Europe and never was heard of again. They had one daughter: I. Jane b. Oct. 12, 1733

6. DAVID (David<sup>3</sup> Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. Apr. 23, 1704. m. --- Catalyntie. They lived in Somerset Co., NJ and were members of the Dutch Reformed Church at Somerville. They had children as follows: I. Sayolie b. July 13, 1735; II. David b. Sep. 17, 1733; III. Gertie b. June 20, 1740; IV. Susanna b. June 8, 1742; V. Catalyntie b. Aug. 18, 1744; VI. Jacob b. Oct. 6, 1745; VII. Janet b. May 5, 1747; VIII. Francis b. Aug. 5, 1750; IX. Effie b. July 20, 1752; X. Maria b. Apr. 5, 1754; XI. Nellie b. Aug. 22, 1756.

7. FRANCIS (David<sup>3</sup>, Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. July 11 or 21, 1717, m. Marguerita Van Nest, b. Sep. 30, 1717. They lived in Somerset Co., NJ until about 1770 when they went across into Penn. and settled in York Co. where Francis (who was now spelling his name Cassett) became a prominent member of the Revolutionary committee. They had children as follows: I. Madalena b. Oct. 17, 1740; II. David b. Apr. 11, 1743; David had five sons and three daughters. One son Tourman Cassatt had a daughter Sarah b. 1806 m. a Mr. ---- Neeley

and was still living recently near Gettysburg, Pa.; III. Peter b. Apr. 30, 1746; IV. Jacob b. Apr. 11, 1751; V. Christina b. Aug. 21, 1755; VI. Elizabeth b. Nov. 27, 1758 m. Lawrence Montfort. Elizabeth Montfort had a son Rev. Francis Montfort and Rev. Francis had a son J.G. Montfort b. 1810 who was recently living at 178 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

8. JACOB (Anthony<sup>4</sup> Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. Oct. 16, 1706, at Brooklyn d. Apr 19, 1772 near Barnardstown, NJ his will is dated Feb. 4, 1772 was probated May 2, 1772 and is on file at Trenton, NJ. At the time of his death his wife's name was Hannah. He lived near Barnardstown, NJ in Somerset Co. was buried in the old cemetery at Bound Brook, not far from the church recently burned. The headstone lies broken on the grave. It was a fine red sand stone evidently imported from England and by placing it together the inscription may still be read. He had five children: I. Jacob b. 1723 or 4 d. Jan. 26, 1812 m. Elizabeth Sutton; II. Samuel b. 1725 or 6 d. 1811 m. Anne Clark; 9.III. Job; IV. Anthony, b. ? d. 1790 m. Catharine Coon; V. Anna m. Orisimus Bell; VI. Mary m. ? Sutton; VII. Lea m. Joseph Riggs; VIII. Elizabeth m. Eliphalet Lewis.

The four sons above mentioned became fathers of numerous families, the descendants of which are widely scattered throughout the U.S. and some in foreign lands. The eldest son Jacob settled, lived and died near Mt. Olive Morris Co., NJ. His male descendants went down into Virginia and later to Southern Ohio and through various parts of the west. A genealogy of his descendants is being collected by Daniel W. Cozad of La Cygne, KS.

The second son Samuel married, settled, lived and died near Mendham, Morris Co., NJ. His descendants went to Washington Co., PA and some went to Cuyahoga Co., Ohio and on through all parts of the west. A complete genealogy of his descendants has been collected and published by Oliver L. Cozad of Marion, Ohio.

The third son JOB settled, lived and died near Branchville Sussex Co., NJ. A list of his descendants will be found in the following Genealogy which has been collected by Dr. James Cozad of Reynolds, Ill, his daughter Clara (Cozad) Keezel of Kansas City, Mo. and Oliver L. Cozad of Marion, OH.

The fourth son, ANTHONY, married, lived and died in the old settlement in Somerset Co., NJ, part of his descendants went up into New York state and part of them to Ohio. A Genealogy of his descendants is being collected by Prof. Edmund J. James of Chicago, IL and others of this branch of the family.

By referring to public records, church lists etc. now on file in New York City and Somerset Co., NJ it will be found that up to this time the family name had been spelled



in various ways, first we find it Cossart, later on it is found Cosart then still later after the family had settled over in New Jersey and became English we find it Cosad, and this latter seems to have been the spelling generally used during the lifetime of the four sons above mentioned. The descendants of Anthony, who remained in the east, still use this spelling, but those of Anthony's descendants who settled in Ohio changed the name to Cozad and this spelling is now generally used by this branch of the family throughout the west.

It appears that at about the time of the death of the three eldest sons Jacob, Samuel and Job their descendants all adopted "Cozad" as the spelling of the name, at least all the members of these three branches of the family now use the spelling and have used it for nearly one century back.

#### 4th GENERATION

9. JOB (Jacob<sup>8</sup> Anthony<sup>4</sup> Jacques<sup>1</sup>) b. 1727-8. He married Hannah Winmans b. 1733, d. Mar. 2, 1815. They settled, lived and died in Frankfort Twp, Sussex Co., NJ near Branchville. Job appears to have been an extensive dealer in real estate, as the public records of Sussex Co. show many deeds of conveyances of lands, etc on which his name appears. He took an active part in religious work as will be seen by the following clause, which appears in his will.

First "I give and bequeath the meeting house which I built and named Bethel, to the inhabitants of the neighborhood adjacent, etc."

His will is dated Aug. 8, 1812, and is on file at Newton, NJ. He had a family of nine children, six of whom were living at the time his will was made. A headstone was erected at his grave but has since been broken and it is said was used in constructing the foundation of a barn near by. Some of his descendants through his youngest daughter Hannah still live in Sussex Co. His nine children were as follows: I. Benone b. Sep. 27, 1761; 10.II. Anne; 11.III. Nathaniel; IV. Abbigail b. Jan. 7, 1766; 12.V. Rev. Job; 13.VI. Elihu; VII. Jacob b. Jan. 31, 1774; 14.VIII. Phoebe; 15.IX. Hannah.

As no mention is made in Job's will of either I. Benone; IV Abbigail; or VII. Jacob they had probably died in infancy or without families previous to the time the will was made in 1812.

## 5th GENERATION

10. Anne (<sup>9</sup> Job<sup>8</sup> Jacob<sup>4</sup> Anthony<sup>1</sup> Jacques) b. Dec. 13, 1763, she married Peter Fisher and was living at the time of her fathers death. We have no records of her family.

11. Nathaniel (same as 10) b. July 16, 1764 m.c/a 1784 in NJ. Not long after marriage he went to Washington Co., PA and was among the earliest settlers of that county. In 1796 he moved up into Mercer Co., PA and was among the first settlers of Lackawacock Twp. (See History of Mercer Co.) he had a family of six children as follows: 16.I. Mary; 17.II Elizabeth; 13.III. Catherine; 19.IV. Job; 20.V. Jacob; 21.VI. Nathaniel.

12. Rev. Job (same as 10) b. Aug 16, 1769 d. 1820 He was a Methodist Minister, while yet a young man, went down into Upshur Co., WV and settled near Buckhannon, on Hews River where married a Catherine Fink and about 1800 he crossed over into Ohio and settld in Ross Co. He and his two eldest sons Henry and Daniel were soldiers in the War of 1812 and were surrendered by Gen. Hull at Ft. Detroit. After the war he returned to Vinton Co., OH, and died of Cold Plague, while preaching on his circuit, near McArthur. He had a family of nine children as follows: 22.I. Henry; 23.II. Daniel; 29.III. Abbigail; 25.IV. John; 26.V. Susan; 27.VI. Abraham; 28.VII. Job; 29.VIII. William; 30.IX. Joseph.

13. ELIHU (same as 10) b. Dec 20 1771 m. Sep 11, 1801 to Ann McCoy. At the time of their marriage both were residents of Frankfort Twp. Sussex Co, NJ. Soon after the death of his father he moved to Mercer Co, PA and settled on a tract of land he purchased near Mercer, where he continued to reside until the time of his death (1829). Some of his descendants still occupy portions of said lands. His wife died in 1843. Both were members of the Presbyternian church at Mercer. They had ten children as follows: 31.I. Abbigail; 32.II. Jobb; III. Daniel b. 1806 d. 1851 Never married; 33.IV. Solomon; 34.V. Jacob b. 1811 d. Aug 25, 1850; 35. VI Joseph M. b. Feb 14, 1813 d. 1859; VII Matilda b. 1814 d. 1868, never married; VIII. Thomas b. 1814 d. in infancy; 36.IX. Mary Elizabeth b. Apr 11, 1816 d. Feb 1893; 37.X. Henry Anderson b. Jun 22, 1823 Lamar Baker Co., MO.

14. PHOEBE (Same as 13) b. 1776. She was living at the time of father Job's death (1815) as her name is mentioned in the will but there are no records as to what became of her.

15. HANNAH (Same as 13) b. Feb 10, 1778 m. c/a 1803-4 to John Allet of Frankfort Twp., Sussex Co., NJ. d. Sep 26,

1812 and after her death, her husband remarried. He died Nov 4, 1833. They had two sons and two daughters: I. William; II Job Cozad III ?; IV ? This second son Job Cozad Allet married and had four children and died at the age of 24. His four children were as follows: Henry M. among his descendants is F.G. Allet of Cairo, Mich. Also a brother, in Mich both are Presbyterian ministers. Daniel died aged 15. Elizabeth married a Mr. Ray and died at the age of 21. Hannah married Calvin S. Owen raised a large family and died at an advanced age. Job Cozad, his wife Hannah (Winmans) Cozad, John Allet are all buried in the Old Union Church Cemetery in Frankfort Twp, Sussex NJ near Branchville.

## 6th GENERATION

16. MARY (11 Nathaniel 9 Job 8 Jacob 4 Anthony 1 Jacques) b. July 5, 1785. m. ? Jennings of Mercer Co., Pa

17. ELIZABETH (same as 16) b. Jun 2, 1787 m. ? Ritchey.

18. CATHARINE (same as 16) b. Sep 7, 1790 m. ? Jewell

19. JOB (same as 16) b. Sep 29, 1793. Was a soldier in the War of 1812 m. Mary Calberson. There were 7 children of this first marriage. I. John b. July 10, 1813; II. Jacob b. Apr 4, 1816 d. Apr 6, 1889; III. Martha; IV. Elizabeth b. Aug 22, 1822, d. Mar 24, 1890; V. Nancy; VI. Ann; VII. Sarah.

Children of his second marriage. VIII. Mary; IX. Margaret; X. Hannah; XI. Thomas Pearson b. Jun 16, 1831 resided at 4725 Champlain Ave., Chicago, Ill; XII. William b. Dec. 9, 1836 Coalburg Trumbull CO., OH.

20. JACOB (same as 16) b. Sep 2, 1795 d. Oct. 30, 18?? m. Hannah Jones who was born at Winchester NJ and had six children. I. Elias b. Apr 12, 1823; II Hiram b. Oct 8, 1824; III. Eliza Jane b. May 3, 1826 d. Oct 5, 1846; IV Julia Ann b. Jan 1828, d. Oct 15, 1879; V. Aaron b. Dec. 14, 1829 d. Apr 29, 1886; VI. Carver b. Aug 23, 1831. After the death of Hannah, Jacob remarried and had two more children. VII. William died in the army; VIII. Phoebe b. May 27, 1853 d. Aug 16, 1853.

21. NATHANIEL (same as 16) b. Apr 15, 1800. He had seven children: I. John; II. William d. Dec 22, 1891; II Ann; IV. Eliza; V. Dessa; VI. Jane; VII. Lucy.

22. HENRY (12 Rev. 9 Job 8 Jacob 4 Anthony 1 Jacques) b. 1792 in Upshire Co., Va. d. 1857 About 1800 went with his fathers family to Ross Co., OH. He and his younger brother Daniel and their father Rev. Job were in the War of 1812 and

were surrendered by Gen Hull at Fort Detroit. After the war he returned to Ross Co., OH. They settled some six miles south of the present village of Hallsville. He later settled and died near Allensville, Vinton Co. He was married four times, his first wife being Jane Law, by whom he had four children. His second wife was Margaret Clark by her he had three children. His third wife was Mary Gregg, no children by this marriage. His fourth wife was Sitha Fry, no children by this marriage.

From first marriage: I. William b. Feb 26, 1814; II. Elizabeth b. Mar 11, 1817 d. Aug 1816; III. Daniel b. Jan 26, 1819 d. May 12, 1888; IV. Catharine b. Apr 6, 1822 d. Feb 4, 1894.

From second marriage: V. Abraham N. b. Feb 3, 1827 d. Feb 26, 1889; VI. Job b. Feb 4, 1829 d. 1870; VII. John Jackson b. Nov 9, 1830.

23. DANIEL (same as 22) b. 1793-4 Upshire Co., Va. d. 1820 Moved to Ohio with his parents and was in the War of 1812 with father and brother Henry. He died in Vinton Co., OH, of Cold Plague in 1820. He never married.

24. ABBIGAIL b. 1795-6. Married John Lightle of Allensville, OH. They had seven children: I. Andrew; II. John; III. Job; IV. Stewart; V. Henry; VI. Mary; VII. Isabelle.

Her second husband was Jacob Gregg by whom she had five children. VIII. James; IX. Elizabeth; X. Abbigail; VI. George; and XII. Nancy (Twins).

25. JOHN (same as 22) b. Dec 8, 1797 d. Oct 2, 1859 m. Sarah Colvin who was born Nov 6, 1801. They lived and died near Allensville, OH. They had ten children: I. Elizabeth b. Oct 5, 1816; II. Catharine b. Sep 14, 1818 d. Oct 15, 1883; III. Benjamin b. Oct. 28, 1822, Westboro Atchinson Co., MO.; IV. Susan b. Jan 6, 1825; V. Margaret b. 1827; VI. Job b. Nov 27, 1829 Chillicothe OH; VII. John Washington b. Aug 17, 1832 d. Mar 30, 1898; VIII. Jesse b. Apr 6, 1834; IX. Sarah Ann b. Nov 20, 1835 d. Sep 3, 1891; X. Mary Menica b. July 24, 1838 Allensville, OH.

26. SUSAN (same as 22) b. Feb 7, 1799 d. 1869 m. Joshua Evans of Allensville, OH. They had one son Joshua. She and Evans parted and she married for a second husband Lewis Gregg and had two children: Sallie and Abbigail. She married her third husband William Gregg and had two children Joseph and John. She died in Dallas Co., MO.

27. ABRAHAM (same as 22) b. May 9, 1901. Born probably in Ross Co., OH. Married, lived and died near Allensville, OH. Was married in 1820 to Charity Davis who was born July 10,

1802 d. Oct 6, 1884. They had ten children: I. Susan b. 1821 d. 1857; II. Elizabeth b. 1823, Cozaddale, OH; III. Catharine b. 1825 d. 1860; IV. Levi b. May 16, 1828 d. Mar 14, 1892; V. Job b. 1830 d. Jun 9, 1890; VI Lydia b. 1831 d. 1832; VII. Mary b. 1833 d. Jun 26, 1893; VIII Henry b. 1838 d. May 8, 1896; IX John b. 1842 d. in army.; X. Abraham b. 1843 d. in infancy.

28. JOB (same as 22) b. Oct 24, 1803 in Ross Co., OH. d. Oct 24, 1855 Married in Vinton, OH to Keziah Clark by whom he had four children. After her death he married Elizabeth Speelman no children by her. For a third wife he married Melvina Beals by whom he had eight children. About 1845 or 50 he went with his brother William to Benton Co., IN and settled near Oxford. Children by first marriage: I. Joseph d. Nov 1856; II. Henry d. Jan 1, 1860 never married; III. Amy; IV. d. 1857.

Children by his second marriage: V. Elizabeth b. Sep 11, 1841, Cainesville Harrison Co., Mo; VI. Mary; VII Elihu d. in infancy near Allensville, OH; VIII. Martha Jane b. May 1, 1846; IX. William Nathan b. Feb 12, 1843, Canton, Lewis Co., MO.; X. Rebecca died in infancy near Oxford, IN; XI. Sarah Ellen died near Oxford, IN.; XII. Melissa b. Oct 27, 1855 d. Jan 1883.

29. WILLIAM (same as 22) b. Jun 4, 1806 d. Oct 15, 1865. Born and married near Allensville, OH. He later settled near Oxford Benton Co., IN where he died. He married for first wife Martha Burchard by whom he had nine children. For second wife he married Mary Ann Belas by whom he had three children.

Children by first marriage: I. Mary Ann b. Jul 4, 1824 Oxford, IN; II. Emeline; III. Eliza, Hooperstown Vermillion Co., Iowa; IV. Nancy; V. Elijah b. Apr 19, 1833 Oxford, IN; VI. Catherine.; VII. Elizabeth, Agency City, Iowa; VIII Rebecca died near Alleevsille, OH; IX Isabella Morocco, Newton Co., IN.

Children by his second marriage: X. Amanda; XI. William; XII. Isaac.

30. JOSEPH (same as 22) Born in Ross Co., OH. Died near Allensville, OH. Married in 1830 to Mary Davis by whom he had nine children. After his death his wife married a Mr. Neil and they went to Dallas Co., MO but returned in a few years to Ross Co., OH, where she died. Their children were I. Jeremiah b. Apr 4, 1831, San Diego, CA; II. Hezekiah Sep 22, 1833 Essex Page Co., Iowa; III. Josiah b. 1836 Killed 1862; IV. Nancy Delia b. Aug 14, 1838 d. 1897; V. Mary Catherine b. 1841 d. 1898; VI. William b. Aug 11, 1843 Red Oak Montgomery Co., Iowa; VII. Susan Abbigail b. 1845 Bournesville Ross Co., OH; VIII. Benjamin Franklin b. Dec

5, 1847 New Helena Custer Co., Neb; IX. Joseph La Fayette b. 1849 d. 1850.

31. ABBIGAIL (13 ELIHU<sup>9</sup> Job<sup>8</sup> Jacob<sup>4</sup> Anthony<sup>1</sup> Jacques) b. 1802. Born near Branchville Sussex Co., NJ. Went with parents to Mercer Co., PA. Married for first husband ? Buver by whom she had six children. After his death she married a second husband ? Griffin. She died near New Castle Lawrence Co., PA about 1970. Children are as follows: I. Elizabeth; II. Nancy m. ? Curtis of Mich.; III. Susan; IV. Safrona; V. Rhoda; VI. Samuel.

32. JOB (same as 31) b. 1804 in Sussex Co., NJ Died in Mercer Co., PA, Married in 1829 to Elizabeth Cook who was born in 1810 and died in 1869. They had a family of ten children : I. Lucinda Jane b. Aug 5, 1831; II. Thomas Jefferson b. Nov 1833; , d. in Army 1863; III. Sabina.

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#### HISTORY OF LAMBERT FAMILY

History of the Lambert Family from Jugenheim in Rheinhessen, by Christene Lambert Bertram. Book includes info on family in Jugenheim, immigrant Christopher Lambert (1725-1786) who arr. in Phila 1749, & descendants in America. Lambert settled in Winchester, VA, in 1753, when Lord Fairfax granted him four lots on Loudoun Street. He was a trustee and founder of the first Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winchester. He and son Jacob served in the American Revolution. Grandson, Isaac, settled in Ritchie County, (VA, WV) in 1845. Descendants married into Baker, Beydler, Grabill, Hall, Larrick, Smith, Trout, Wendel and other families. Order from: Olde Springfield Shoppe, 10 W Main Street, Elverson, PA 19520-0171. Hardcover, price \$30 per book (postage and handling is \$3.00 additional for first book and \$.50 each add book. Pennsylvania residents add 6% sales tax.)

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**TALBOT - PICKENS**

Donated by: Robert Davis

Alexander Pickens, the first Pickens we know of, came from Germany to a place near Peel Tree, then in Harrison County, now in Barbour County. He deserted the Hessian Army to join Washington's army at Valley Forge. He was married twice, and had no children by his second wife, who was a Fornash. The only child of whom we have knowledge was James I, born near Peel Tree about 1790.

James Pickens I married Rachael Talbot. All that is known so far of Rachael's family is her father was David Talbot, son of Richard Talbot, who was the son of James Talbot who came to this country from England.

James I was known to be a wealthy but stubborn man. As was the custom in those days, he allowed his hogs to run in the woods where there was plenty of mast. One day a pig was missing and James suspected a neighbor of stealing the animal. The accused man, after some trouble, offered to pay James half the value of the hog. James refused the offer, saying, "I didn't lose half a hog, I lost a whole hog." Consequently, a series of lawsuits followed.

During one hearing the accused's lawyer trapped James into saying that the accused had stolen the hog, which had yet to be proven. The neighbor, whose identity is unknown, sued James for damages. As James was unable to prove his allegations the neighbor won his lawsuit and the court awarded one cent in damages to the accused. This left the cost of the lawsuits, etc. to be paid by James. In order to pay his court related debts James was forced to sell off all his worldly possessions with the exception of a fiddle and a trained trick pony.

So it was that with only a fiddle and a pony that James Pickens I arrived on Glady Fork, Lewis County (near modern day Duffy) about 1829. James is believed to be one of the first if not the first settler in this area and became the largest freeholder. He traded twelve deer skins to a man named Beech for four-thousand acres of land. Later he traded the trick pony for another two-thousand acres of land in Webster County. He also purchased a large tract of land near Turkey Bone Mountain in Randolph County. James made his home on the four-thousand acre tract on Glady Fork and reared his family there.

About 1829, a road was constructed from Weston to Sutton and from there to Gauley Bridge. It was over this old Pike that the famed James brothers traveled from Weston to Gauley Bridge and on to Huntington to rob the bank. They had camped several days in Weston and the people were very uneasy for fear their own bank would be robbed.

There was a sideroad built from this Pike to James Pickens' farm on Glady Fork from Bennetts Mill which is now

Walkersville. There were four fords, two on Glady Fork and two on the West Fork.

James was an outstanding stockraiser. He always took his stock to his tract of land on Turkey Bone for summer pasture. One fall when he went to get them, two steers were missing. He thought they were dead or someone had stolen them. The next spring, when he went back he found them waiting for him, although they were thin and gaunt.

In a short time more settlers came into the neighborhood and a log school house was built, which was called the "Harmony School". The community went by this name until about 1885 when a grandson of James I, Robert Pickens, was appointed postmaster of the village and renamed it Duffy.

A little way from the school house, there was a natural fall in Glady Fork River. Here Campbell Ewing, who married Peggy Pickens, a daughter of James I, built a grist mill, which was run by water power. In a short time he sold the mill to James I, who greatly improved it. It was managed by him, and various members of the Pickens family for generations after that.

The two thousand acre tract of land which James I traded for in Webster County lay on both sides of the Back Fork of the Little Kanawha River. James gave a man by the name of Boggs several acres of land there if he would build a grist mill on the river. Boggs did so, and the old mill still stands today.

During the Civil War, James I contracted measles from his son, James II, and was a soldier in the Union Army and died. James II inherited the Turkey Bone land and the town of Pickens grew up on his land.



**THE WAY THINGS WERE  
AND  
THE LAST OF THE BOARDING HOUSES**  
by Leonard R. McClain

My grandparents, John and Flora Stalnaker, had raised six children and lost four to diptheria on a hilly forty acre farm above Hardman in Gilmer County. Somehow they got my mother Jessie and her sister Josie through Glenville School so they could teach. However, by 1916 life had got so hard they had to escape.

The family, except for Jessie who had married and Ralph who also had married and become a Baptist minister, moved to Weston. Ralph later became the postmaster at Orton.

Grandmother was a good seamstress and to help make ends meet she took in sewing. She made wedding dresses as well as general tailoring. Business was slow as most housewives of the day were also competent sewers. Grandfather got a job sweeping the streets and sidewalks.

Grandmother was a good cook and decided that the restaurant business would be better. She rented a little building on West Second Street, Weston, just west of the railroad passenger station. The arrival and departure of the trains drew large crowds. The passenger cars were almost always filled to capacity and grandmother made sandwiches and the children would go through the waiting trains selling them.

The children, Josie, Charles, Morton and Hazel watched many young men leave to become soldiers. It was also at the station that Morton and Hazel contracted the flu that killed them both. Grandmother became dishearted, closed up shop and rented a big grey house just north of the station where she opened a boarding house.

It was an inexpensive venture. Coffee was thirteen cents a pound, beans were five cents a pound, and rice was eight cents. Meat was also cheap. Gas, water and electricity were inexpensive; and, as no one expected to get sued there was no need for liability insurance. There was no sewage bill and the garbage was picked up by a man called "Goose Egg Bill." He had a plug horse and a wobbly wheeled hack. He fed the table scraps to hogs and burned the trash at the north end of town.

Grandmother ran an inexpensive establishment. She served three meals a day and it was all you could eat for a quarter. Her room rates were cheaper than the Montecello Hotel, the Camden Hotel and the Bailey House.

When Grandmother's lease expired on the Boarding House in 1922, she moved down River Street. A little over a year later, she rented a house which became vacant at the corner of Mound Avenue and West Second Street. In another year she had saved enough money to buy a big house at 223 Broad



**THE LEWIS COUNTY INFIRMARY**

by: Leonard R. McClain

Years ago, before the Welfare or Department of Human Services, before Social Security or any other social service was ever heard of, the local county court was responsible for the poor.

The commissioners appointed an "Overseer of the Poor," whose duty it was to distribute food and clothing to those who were absolutely destitute and, if all else failed, to send them to either the Poor House or Children's Home.

In 1934 Mr. Rohl Radcliff held this position and he lived next door to my grandparents. He knew that the people who were operating the poor farm were quitting and that the county was going to upgrade the system and pay a salary to the overseer at the infirmary. Under the old system, the operator of the poor house was paid a few dollars for each inmate; and, from that, they and their family had to keep enough for their survival. Under the new system, the county would put \$15 per month per inmate into a fund; the county would stock the farm. The income would go into the same account to be monitored by the court and the court would pay a salary to the new position, "Superintendent of the County Infirmary." The court would come for dinner and an overall inspection once a month.

In the spring of 1935, my parents, Alva and Jessie McClain, took this position. The county owned a 265-acre farm at the head of Grass Run about two miles off Route 33 near Gaston. The farm itself was in need of some attention and paint. There was a mile long dirt road, no electricity and no running water! The rooms were sturdy but in dire need of paint. There was a well in the yard and two outdoor toilets. We did have a party line telephone; our (telephone) ring was two longs and a short.

All things considered, the farm had a relatively low number of inmates. There were from thirteen to twenty-two. People were there for various reasons. Some had been born in poverty and could not escape its hold, while others were young people from the Children's Home. There was an old school teacher who was divorced, a man who was almost blind, a man with a wooden peg-leg, a man who had traveled with a carnival and contracted syphilis, and two were alcoholics. One woman was born with club feet and walked on her knees, one was a dope addict and one had epilepsy. There was a couple who had always been tenant farmers and finally got too old to work.

Some years later the county was having trouble with an indigent woman who was retarded and seemed to stay pregnant and have an illegitimate child every year. She was literally populating the county. The county built a cottage up on the bank for her and her children. She was not

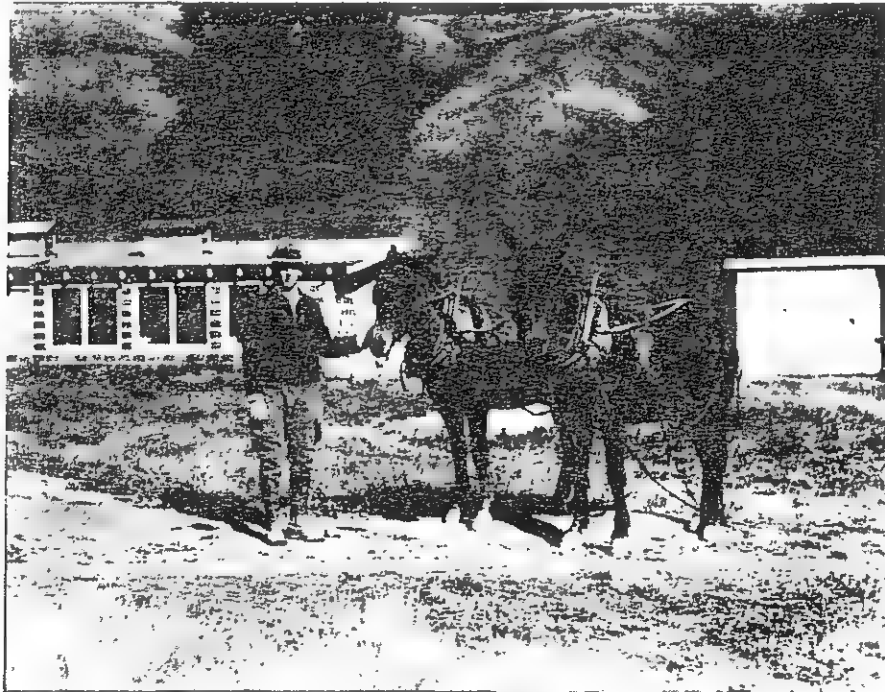
allowed to go to town or have male visitors so she didn't get pregnant again. (At the time of this writing in 1993, I expect the government has spent a million on her offspring.)

The Work Progress Administration (WPA) had just started and the county utilized this force to the fullest extent. Some painted the inmates quarters while others painted the farm house. One crew dug a big hole in the ground near a good spring on the hillside and built a big reservoir. They laid a line to the house and built two baths for the inmates and put water in the kitchen and built a bath in the farm house. They also built sidewalks and a foundation for a good block barn, a big cellar, a brooder house, a chicken house and a hog pen. Mr. Frank Cirigliano and Mr. John Clark, carpenter, supervised the crews.

The able-bodied inmates worked in the kitchen or on the farm. We had a live-in hired man, Jess Kelly. Jess was an excellent worker such that he, dad and two inmates (Norval Radcliff and Mark Blake) fenced in the entire farm with #9 woven wire.

The county bought a good pair of mules (Jack and Jim) from Dad. They were a powerful team that would seldom step on plants or corn hills while cultivating. The county also kept the farm well stocked with cattle, sheep, and hogs.

We raised and butchered our own hogs and beef, grew a tremendous garden and potato patch, and canned until the cellar was full.



Alva McClain and the Mules, Jack and Jim,  
at the Poor Farm in 1936  
(Photo from Arch Ellis Collection, CWGHL&M Collection)

I would like to commend the county clerk, Mr. Ed Shore and the County Commissioners: Mr. Hugh Butcher, Mr. James Peterson, and Mr. Lon Crawford for their excellent work. They used the taxpayers money very effectively and the WPA labor to improve roads, and the county infirmary and build a new jail.

Under the supervision of Mr. Garrett, the WPA helped tear down the old jail and built the stone wall around the courthouse with the old jail's handcut stone. My father used Jack and Jim, the county mules, to move the stones to their location.

In time, the court bought a gas Electrolux refrigerator and within a couple of years the road was rocked. The county had an electrician, Mr. Harry Smith, who wired the house and cottages. It sure was wonderful to get electric lights.

Members of the community also helped out at the farm. The only tractor in the entire Stonecoal community belonged to Mr. Warren Hall who thrashed the wheat and filled the silo.

The various churches would hold services on the lawn in the summer and Reverend Waldrop would visit in the winter. The county would take bids from local doctors and the lowest bidder per visit got the job. During our stay, Dr. Chapman or Dr. Kessler came when needed.

The Stalnaker Funeral Home was in charge of funerals. That work was also let to the lowest bidder. There was a cemetery situated on a knoll above the house. There was not one monument in that cemetery, but the graves were marked with big field stone.

There was a coal mine on the farm and my uncle, Clarence Cutright, and I dug the coal. There was no OSHA and we wore soft caps with a carbide light attached to the front. We drilled the blasting holes with a breast auger and undercut with a pick. We shot with black powder and blasting caps that were fired by a fuse which we would light from our caps. All of this material was purchased at Kaness Hardware. Anyone could buy explosives at that time.

Running the farm was a twenty-four hour a day job, three hundred and sixty-five days a year with no vacations. But times were hard and we were thankful to have the work. It was not unusual for able-bodied young men to walk four or five miles to and from work to cut filth<sup>3</sup> or do general farm work for \$2.50 a day and dinner and supper. Most of these young men belonged to the National Guard and when the war came went with that unit to Kodiak, Alaska. Several made the military a career.

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<sup>3</sup>A West Virginia idiom meaning "to cut brush."

Mother was a complacent, hard worker; but, with all the work required, she had to have help. Most of the time she kept a hired girl. During our stay there, she had three: Miss Erma Queen, Miss Lois McClain and Miss Virginia Law. I had two sisters, Geraldine and Marjoree, who were a lot of help.

It was really hard on Dad and Mother during the war years, so in 1945 they resigned. Mr. and Mrs. William Smith took the position. A few years later the farm house burned and the welfare placed the inmates in homes elsewhere in the county.

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#### HARRISON GROVE SINGING SCHOOL

This photo of the Harrison Grove Singing School was submitted by K. C. Priest, 921 Upton Place, South Charleston, WV 25309. Roy Peters was the teacher. Does anyone know anything about the Singing School or who the other students might have been?



**IMPORTANT RANDOLPH COUNTY DIARY PUBLISHED**

The Diary of George McLean, a Randolph County, WV, carpenter, will be relased for sale by mid-June by the publishers, The Allegheny Regional Family History Society. The diary is the most complete evidence of area vital statistics prior to the Civil War that is now available. McLean made an entry each time he made a coffin; he was a justice and frequently mentioned marriages, some of which are not recorded in the courthouse. He makes numerous references to births in the local area (1820's-1840's). Included with the diary are a short biography of McLean prepared by Bill Rice and a map of the Tygart Valley in McLean's day prepared by David Armstrong. Numerous historical notes by Armstrong have been included. The book may be ordered by writing to the society at PO Box 1804, Elkins, WV 26241. Price is \$16.75 postpaid for members of ARFHS and \$18.75 postpaid for non-members.

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**ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION TO MEET**

The Alford American Family Association will hold its 1994 annual meeting and national Alford family reunion in Richmond, Virginia, October 7-9. This year special attention is being given to families from Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The first Alford known to have been in this country was in James City, Virginia, in the early 1600's. Many members of the association trace their Alford ancestry back to the St. Peters Parish Church which still exists in New Kent County, VA; and, about an equal number, descend from the brothers who arrived in Boston in the early 1630's.

A genealogy workshop (by Everton Publishers), tours, a reception to meet new cousins, and meetings will highlight the meeting. For further information contact Joe Alford, 804-851-3564; Gil Alford, 314-381-8648; or write to AAFA, PO Box 1586, Florissant, MO 63031.

**FAMILY HISTORY GROUP SEEKS MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS**

The Allegheny Regional Family History Society has announced that it is looking for new members and volunteers to help with its various planned projects for 1994. The group, formed in 1992, is a regional society dedicated to the betterment of family history and genealogy. The group's quarterly magazine, Allegheny Regional Ancestors, goes out across the nation and in three countries.

"We have already published one book of area pedigree charts, a 'how to' book on family history, and our magazine is now beginning it's third year," said Marvin Hill, president of the group. "Future plans include a reprint of McLean's diary, and we plan to publish several volumes of area cemetery listings."

"Volunteers would be welcome to assist with the collecting of cemetery listings," said John McCollam, chairman of the society's special projects committee. "We need people to volunteer to help with listing burials in the bigger cemeteries, and we need persons with knowledge of the area to help us find and locate smaller ones."

McCollam added that full credit is given to anyone who provides material or assistance to the society.

"A number of cemeteries are already on computer and we have published some area cemetery records in our journal," said David Armstrong, editor of the group's magazine. "We would like to find old family Bibles that contain birth and death information so that this material can be preserved for future generations."

The Allegheny Regional Family History Society works closely with other historical and genealogical societies, and members of these other groups would be welcome to help with various society projects. The Allegheny Regional Family History Society is a non-profit organization and all are welcome to join. Membership in the group includes a subscription to the quarterly magazine. Anyone who could offer their time in collecting information or who could assist the society in finding information is invited to contact the society at PO Box 1804, Elkins, WV, 26241, or to call Marvin Hill at (304) 338-2646 or John McCollam at (304) 637-0414.



**THE LIFE AND TRAVELS OF HARRIET CLINE WEST,**  
**FIRST PUBLISHED IN KAHOKA, MO, IN 1910**  
**REPUBLISHED IN 1994**

James Jackson West (1828-1911) and his wife, Harriet Cline West, funded Parkersburg High Schools' Speech Center and set up a fund for Morris Harvey College to interest young men in becoming a minister. Mrs. Merrill West had been a school teacher and vitally interested in education. She was born February 25, 1838, at Pashington, PA, one of ten children.

James Jackson West was born August 18, 1828, six miles from Morgantown in Monongalia County of well-to-do parents.

Friendship between the two started when they were young. Mr. West worked in the Burning Springs oil field. It was in 1861, during the Civil War, that they were married. Mr. West continued working in the oil field until the close of the war in 1865. At that time the Wests looked promising, so the Wests sold their land and started westward. They took a boat at Parkersburg and stopped off at the home of Mr. West's brother, about 20 miles above Cincinnati before continuing their trip, by water down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, to Kahaka, Missouri.

In 1872 they decided to move to Colorado to take up livestock raising. Upon arriving at Russel, Kansas, which was a bright new place, they found they could do well with cattle on a ranch near the banks of the Saline River. During the three years there, Mr. West was foreman of the county Court and Mayor of the City of Russel. Mrs. West ran a boarding house.

After taking a complete trip of the Southwest and the Far Northwest, Mrs. West wrote a book entitled, *The Life and Travels of Harriet C. West*. This was not long before the death of Mr. West in 1911, following which Mrs. West came to Parkersburg where she lived until ill health compelled her to go to a milder climate. She lived in Florida until her death in 1919.

James Jackson West and Harriet Cline West are both buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Parkersburg.

While Mrs. West's book may not be as rare as the Gutenberg Bible, only three copies of the original printing are known to exist. One is at Yale University.

Now the book has been reprinted by David L. Boggs, 611 Jefferson Avenue, Urbana, Ohio 43078-1482. The price is \$20 per copy postpaid.

David has donated a copy to the HCPD Library. Thanks, David!

## JOHN J. HINZMAN

by Boyd L. "Rocky" Swisher  
and Joy Gilchrist

John J. Hinzman was born about 1825<sup>4</sup> on Laurel Lick Run<sup>5</sup> near what is now Berlin in Lewis County, West Virginia, to Henry Hinzman, Jr., and his wife, Mary Starcher. He had fair complexion, blue eyes, and "fair" hair and was five foot nine inches tall<sup>6</sup>. On 12 September 1850<sup>7</sup> in Lewis County, he married Eda Osborn/Osburn, a daughter of Joseph and Mariah (Means) Osburn. Joseph gave consent for Eda to marry.

Thirty-five year old John had two daughters, Ronna S. (b 1851<sup>8</sup>) and Berthena Bird (b 13 Jan 1855<sup>9</sup>) was farming on Laurel Lick when the first rumblings of war broke out and he enlisted as a member of the 192nd Regiment, Lewis County Militia, under Captain Samuel B. Bonnett.

Lewis County had two full regiments of "home guards" as the militia was called. The 192nd<sup>10</sup> encompassed mostly men who were bounded by an established line "beginning Upshur line on the Ridge dividing the Watters (sic) of Hackers Creek and Stonecoal Creek to the Said Ridge to the dividing ridge between Smith's Run and Hannibals run, thence with the same to the Stanton (sic) & Parkersburg Pike or road thence with said road to the corporation of Weston, thence with the Line of Same to the point opposite the Lunatic Asylum thence to the Ridge between Polk creek & Murphys creek, thence with said ridge to & with the Ridge dividing the waters of Leading creek and Sandfork of Kanawha to the Gilmer County line. The Balance of Lewis county constitutes the 125th Regt."<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>1850 Lewis Co census.

<sup>5</sup>Lewis Co, WV, Chancery Order Book 5, pp 275-276, 9 Nov 1865.

<sup>6</sup>Description Roll of the Tenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

<sup>7</sup>Lewis Co, WV, Marriage Records, Book 3, p 26.

<sup>8</sup>1860 Lewis County census.

<sup>9</sup>Family records.

<sup>10</sup>See A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia by Joy Gregoire Gilchrist and Charles H. Gilchrist (Virginia Beach: Donning, 1993), for a list of men from Lewis County who served in militia.

<sup>11</sup>Ibid., p. 207.

There were also three companies of independent scouts: the Jane Lew Independent Scouts, J. C. Wilkinson's Company of Independent Scouts, and the Weston Independent Scouts.

Although several of his neighbors left the militia and joined the various companies of volunteer regiments that were raised in Lewis County<sup>12</sup>, John continued to serve in the home guard until late in the war; then, on 1 March 1864, he was recruited by the Tenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry then posted at Beverly and was mustered into Company C at Wheeling.

One wonders why he chose to enlist and become seriously involved in the war at this time. His family of two children had grown to four with the births of Janetta E. on 29 Sep 1860 and Jeretha Ann M. on 20 February 1863. Did he want to help bring the war to a close? Was it the bounty that he would receive for enlistment? Was he convinced to join by the recruiter? or a neighbor?

On March 29, the day before John was first mustered, the Tenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry was placed under Brigadier General Jeremiah C. Sullivan as part of the First Infantry Division of the Department of West Virginia in the First Provisional Brigade commanded by Colonel Augustus Moor. Original plans for the division included a raid south through Beverly to cut and destroy the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, a major supply line for the Confederacy.<sup>13</sup>

Plans were altered on April 19 when General Franz Sigel, commander of the Department of West Virginia, convinced General Grant to abandon the planned expedition. Instead, they would "post a small force at Beverly, use one regiment of cavalry to hold communications open between the troops on the Great Kanawha and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and advance all other infantry and cavalry uniteds in the direction of Cedar Creek to threaten the enemy in the Shenandoah Valley. General George Crook could then march east and destroy the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad and the salt works."<sup>14</sup>

Under the new plan, the Tenth and others were reassigned to the newly created Reserve Division with headquarters at Harper's Ferry. The Tenth stayed at Beverly

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<sup>12</sup>According to Lewis County in the Civil War by Roy Bird Cook, part of Company A and Companies C and D, Tenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Companies B and D of the Fifteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, as well as several men in the Third Virginia Infantry (later Sixth West Virginia Cavalry) were enrolled mostly in Lewis County.

<sup>13</sup>Ibid., pp 77-78.

<sup>14</sup>Ibid., p 79.

scouting throughout the general region. The remainder of the First Division was sent to join General Crook at Charleston from which place they participated in the "Dublin Raid."<sup>15</sup>

On June 16, the Tenth was ordered to Martinsburg and arrived there on the nineteenth. On the twenty-seventh, they were ordered to Leetown in an attempt to stop the Confederate General Jubal Early's march upon Washington. Here they were attacked by Brigadier General Bradley T. Johnson's troops on July 3.<sup>16</sup>

From that day until the Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, they were engaged in most of the major battles in the bloody Shenandoah Valley. The names of the men of the Tenth are found on the rolls of wounded and dead at Snicker's Gap, Kernstown<sup>17</sup>, Cedarville, Halltown, Berryville, Winchester<sup>18</sup>, Fisher's Hill, Hupp's Hill, and Cedar Creek.

The Battle of Cedar Creek ended the major Confederate threat in the Shenandoah Valley. In December, the Tenth West Virginia Infantry was transferred to the Army of the James and sent to winter quarters at Deep Bottom before Richmond.

By the time the Spring 1865 campaign began, Private John J. Hinzman was dead from diarrhea. He had managed to survive the battles, but the effects of exposure and poor diet took their toll. He died at the hospital in St. Paul's Methodist Church at Point of Rocks, Maryland, on February 7, 1865. It is believed that he is buried in the churchyard.

The rest of the Tenth became heroes at Petersburg when, on April 2, 1865, as part of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the XXIV Corps of the United States Army, they attacked and successfully took Fort Whitworth and helped end the long siege of Petersburg. Their former commander, Col. Thomas Maley Harris, was promoted to the rank of Brevet Major General for his part as brigade commander in the capture of Fort Whitworth.<sup>19</sup>

On April 11, 1864, John's comrades were present at Appomattox when Lee surrendered to Grant.

Back home Eda faced her grief. She had lost her husband and their eldest child, Roanna, had died sometime

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<sup>15</sup>See The Life and Times of John Theodore Schiefer (1830-1864) Lewis County Hero - Civil War Tragedy by William Foster Hayes III (also HCJ, Vol. VII-X) for further details of the Dublin Raid.

<sup>16</sup>Matheny, pp 87-88.

<sup>17</sup>Also called Second Battle of Winchester.

<sup>18</sup>Also called Opequon Creek or Third Battle of Winchester.

<sup>19</sup>Ibid., pp 181-182.

between 1860 and 1865. She devoted her life to raising her remaining three daughters - Berthena, now ten years old, Janetta, five years old, and little Jeretha who turned two just days after her father's death; but she was not finished with major changes in her life.

On December 29, 1869, Berthena married a neighbor boy, Ashford E. Swisher. They would eventually become the grandparents of one of the compilers of this article, Boyd L. Swisher. On July 29, 1872, Janetta, now eleven years old, died and was buried in the Laurel Lick Cemetery; and, on December 10, 1874, Jeretha married Ulysses Grant Smith.

With her children now raised and gone from the nest, Eda found time for herself. She married widower James J. Morrison of Berlin on April 13, 1876. They eventually moved to Central Station, Doddridge County.

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#### HCPD MEMBER LOLITA GUTHRIE NAMED TO OHIO STATE CEMETERY DISPUTE BOARD

HCPD charter member, Lolita Guthrie, Bowling Green, Ohio, was appointed by Ohio's Governor, George Voinovich, to serve on the newly-created Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Committee in August 1993.

The nine-member volunteer committee will review and respond to complaints about cemeteries which are not family cemeteries and which have ad burials within the past 25 years. The committee members will meet four times a year in Columbus.

The committee was created in 1992 in connection with a bill which now requires all cemeteries to register with the state. The cemeteries must pay an annual registration of \$2.50 for each burial, with \$2 of that going to the cemetery dispute committee.

The committee will try to smooth out any complaints on cemeteries.

"If a cemetery isn't meeting its commitments by law, then it should come to this committee," Mrs. Guthrie said.

For example, the committee could be called in if a family purchases a vault or a lot, and the agreement with the cemetery is not honored when it's needed. Or in a case pending, a church cemetery was purchased by a private landowner when the church dissolved. Now the landowner will not let descendants visit the cemetery and has planted a hedge to keep them out.

Lolita has served in many capacities in the Wood County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, as well as in various positions in the Society. For several years, she was the printer's representative for the Hacker's Creek Journal.

Congratulations, Lolita, on your appointment!

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE COURTHOUSE HAS BURNED  
AND YOU ARE ALL OUT OF MARSHMALLOWS!  
by Kristi Gross - Sunday, January 20, 1991

Editor's Note: This article is from an unnamed computer bulletin board and was submitted by Patricia Villanave. It is of particular interest to those researching West Virginia because of the number of courthouse records which have been destroyed by fire.

The courthouse may not have burned totally. Some records may have been saved because they were in an annex or wing that didn't burn. Don't always rely on what the Handy Book For Genealogists or the court clerk says. There may have been two courthouses in the same county or the records may have been reconstructed or rerecorded. Also remember that deeds sometimes are not recorded for years after the transfer. (Also check with county abstract offices.)

Check neighboring counties for deeds, probate records and marriages. It may be necessary to go out a second or third county away for a marriage record. People who elope do not go to their own town courthouse for the license.<sup>20</sup>

Check everything in the courthouse where the family went to and the county where they came from if the county is known. Many sold land to relatives before moving on.

Check the parent county/counties land records<sup>21</sup> and the State Land Records for those counties. In the case of territory claimed by two states, check both state records.<sup>22</sup> If your problem is in the Fire Lands or a Military District, check the parent state's records.

Check the progeny (those that were formed from your county) county/counties for land records that may have been recorded at a much later date.

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<sup>20</sup>West Virginians went to Garrett County, Maryland, and Frederick County, Virginia. (Joy)

<sup>21</sup>A family living in some West Virginia counties could have lived in five counties and two states and still live on the same piece of property. Example: Gilmer County was originally West Augusta, Virginia; Monongalia County, Virginia; Harrison County, Virginia; Lewis County, Virginia; Gilmer County, Virginia; and now, Gilmer County, West Virginia. (Joy)

<sup>22</sup>In West Virginia's case, check Virginia. Also remember that parts of Green and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania, were once a part of Virginia. (Joy)

Also use:

Federal Records

1. Census records
2. Mortality schedules
3. Military records and pensions
4. Federal Land Grants and Homestead States
5. Immigration and Naturalization Records
6. DECENNIAL Digest. This index covers the years 1658 to 1906 and is found in most law libraries. It indexes cases that went to appellate or higher courts.
7. Federal court records (Remember that Federal records are records of the Revolution and records created since that time.)

State Records

1. Census - State and Territorial
2. Militia and pension
3. Birth and death records<sup>23</sup>
4. Tax Records: Real, Personal and Poll<sup>24</sup>
5. Land Lotteries, Land Grants, Homesteads

Township or Town Records

These items vary according to the state. Some states like New York and Ohio have townships that function like a county or a city and have the equivalent records.

City Records

1. Birth and death records
2. Marriage records
3. Cemetery records
4. Tax records
5. City directories and telephone books

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<sup>23</sup>It was 1850 before it became law in Virginia (and later West Virginia) that births and deaths be recorded. Counties did not begin recording them until 1853. During the Civil War, some counties almost ceased to function; and birth and death records for these years are sparse.

<sup>24</sup>A good source for burned courthouse records in West Virginia for the years 1853-1860 are a series of microfilms titled "Vital Statistics." These are assessors' records that were sent to Richmond. They were filmed at the Virginia State Library and can be seen at the West Virginia State Archives, West Virginia Regional History Collection at WVU, or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Historical Collections

In all of these libraries besure to check the vertical files.

1. State Archives and Libraries
2. County Historical or Genealogical Societies
3. College libraries
4. Local libraries
5. Private libraries (D.A.R., S.A.R., Railroad, etc.)

Published Records

1. County histories
2. Town and city histories
3. Genealogies
4. Genealogical and historical society quarterlies
5. Newspapers

Private Records

1. Church records and church historical libraries
2. Funeral home records
3. Cemetery records, sexton's records, and transcripts of cemeteries made years ago
4. School records, college or grade
5. Title and abstract companies
6. Private land companies such as the Holland Land Purchase in New York

Home Sources<sup>25</sup>

1. Bible records
2. Photo albums
3. Baby books
4. Insurance policies
5. Family letters, diaries, ledgers

Miscellaneous

1. Lineage Societies
2. Masonic records
3. Fraternity records

The bottom line is, "Analyze your problem and decide what information your really need and what types of documents may provide that information!"

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<sup>25</sup>West Virginia researchers should check oil and gas leases. Sometimes these papers are a part of family records.



### THREE UNIQUE SOURCES FOR RESEARCH

by Joy Gilchrist

Reserachers in the Mountain State have three unique sources that should be checked. The first, the W. Guy Tetrick Collection, is indigenous to West Virginia. The second, the Minnie McWhorter Collection, pertains mostly to families with roots in Harrison and Lewis counties. The third, the Draper Manuscripts, may particularly help those who are researching the period from the French and Indian War to about 1850. All are definitely worth the effort!

#### The W. Guy Tetrick Collection<sup>26</sup>

Guy Tetrick was a Clarksburg, Harrison County, attorney. With an original intent of compiling a history of the central West Virginia area, he sent letters of inquiry and forms to many persons in the region. He received thousands of replies as well as family records, Bible records, obituaries, county records (copies, indexes and abstracts), some cemetery records, Sons of the American Revolution applications, newspaper articles, and census information.

Originals of the collection are retained by Mr. Tetrick's son and may be viewed by appointment only at the following location:

Union National Bank Center, West  
Room 701  
3rd & Main Streets  
Clarksburg, WV 26321  
PH: (304) 624-7131.

However, the collection has no permanent curator. Persons viewing the collection over the years have sometimes misfiled the portions they were viewing and some family records are now missing. The wise researcher will use the microfilm copy that is available at: (1) West Virginia and Regional History Collection, West Virginia University, Morgantown; (2) Waldomore, Clarksburg Public Library, Clarksburg; or (3) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Library)<sup>27</sup>.

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<sup>26</sup>Stinson, Helen S., A Handbook for Genealogical Research in West Virginia (South Charleston, 1981).

<sup>27</sup>At L.D.S., see the locality film for "Harrison County" for the Tetrick Collection, or see the locality film for specific county of interest for portions of the Tetrick Collection which apply to that county.

The records are in semi-alphabetical order. Be sure to check maiden names of spouses as well as married names of daughters.

#### The Minnie McWhorter Collection

More than sixty notebooks of family charts were compiled by Jane Lew resident, Minnie McWhorter, in her lifetime. She conducted her research via correspondence and was not able to do original research. The records do contain some errors but they lay important groundwork for additional research.

The McWhorter Collection is available at the West Virginia and Regional History Collection, West Virginia University, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Library)<sup>28</sup>.

#### The Draper Manuscripts

This collection of letters and interviews was made by Lyman C. Draper in the mid to late 1800's. His correspondents were the children and grandchildren of the early settlers of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and sometimes they were the original subjects. There is a partial index to this collection which is retained at the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library in Madison. However, microfilms of the collection are available at many major libraries including West Virginia and Regional History Collection at West Virginia University, Western Reserve Library in Cleveland, and, perhaps, the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne.

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<sup>28</sup>Ibid.

**THE PETER HARDMAN FAMILY**  
by Joy Gilchrist and Others

10. Charlie Hardman b. ??-Nov-1876, Ohio,  
bur. Worden Cem, Morrow Co, OH.

11. William Elsie Hardman b. ca 1857, Ohio.

E. Abraham Hardman b. 26-Apr-1825, Lewis Co,  
(W)V,81 Occ: farmer, m. (1) ??-Mar-1849, in Morrow Co, OH,  
Hannah Oliver, b. ??-Dec-1824, d. 24-May-1851, Cardington  
Twp, Morrow Co, OH, bur. Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp, m. (2)  
24-Jun-1857, Eliza Jane Rogers, d. 8-Dec-1928, Morrow Co,  
OH. Abraham died 8-Dec-1901, Cardington Twp, Morrow Co,  
OH,65 Information from various census of Morrow Co, History  
of Morrow Co, and several other records in possession of Joy  
Gilchrist. Abraham's tombstone says he died in 1902, but the  
death record says 1901. He died of "dropsy."

1. Sarah Ann Hardman b. 8-Oct-1853,82 d.  
28-Nov-1880, Morrow Co, OH, bur. Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp.

2. Hannah E. Hardman b. ca 1856, m. M.  
Geyer. Lived in Paulding Co, OH

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Hardman d. in infancy.

4. Mary O. Hardman b. 1858.

5. Martha J. Hardman b. 1859, Morrow Co,  
OH, d. 1943, Morrow Co, OH, bur. Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp.

6. John C. Hardman b. ??-Sep-1861, Ohio, m.  
(1) Alice S. Bending, b. 24-Jun-1861,83 d. 20-Feb-1903,  
Canaan Twp, Morrow Co, OH,84 m. (2) Mary Crider.  
Information from 1900 census, Morrow Co, OH Alice: Alice's  
maiden name is from children's birth records. She died from  
"congestion of lungs."

7. Ida Hardman b. 1864, Ohio.

8. Lewis Washington Hardman b. 1866, Morrow  
Co, OH, m. Mollie A. Amick, b. 1870, d. 1949, prob Morrow  
Co, OH,89 bur. Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp. Lewis died 1957,  
prob Morrow Co, OH,89 bur. Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp.

9. William H. Hardman b. 1868, m. Mollie  
Wagner/Wagoner, b. 1870, d. 1950, Morrow Co, OH, bur. Bethel  
Cem, Cardington Twp. William died 1947, Morrow Co, OH, bur.  
Bethel Cem, Cardington Twp. Age 2 on 1870 census, but  
tombstone says he was born 1858. William was living w/wife

and parents in 1900. Mollie: Mollie's maiden name was given on her children's birth records.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Hardman d. in infancy.

F. Naomi Hardman

G. Elizabeth Hardman m. 14-Mar-1847, in Marion Co, OH, 102 Jackson Jones. Marriage license was issued 25 Feb 1847 and returned on 14 Mar 1847 - Marion Co, OH.

H. Ann "Nancy" Hardman

I. Eleunor "Elue" Hardman m. 23-Dec-1843, in Marion Co, OH, Seth Cook.

J. Hannah Hardman b. ca 1832. Is this the same person as "Ann" - no Hannah mentioned in Daniel's Will.

VII. Jacob Hardman b. 24-Sep-1791, Harrison (Lewis Co), (W)V, m. 16/20-Dec-1808, in Harrison Co, (W)V, Elizabeth Ann Coon, b. 21-Feb-1791. Jacob died 18-Apr-1858, Madison Co, IN, and five days later, on 23 April, Ann died. Jacob's and Ann's birth and death dates are in the Wilson family Bible. (See below.)

*At the death of Jacob Hardman Died  
April the 23-1858 aged 67 years 2 months 2 days  
He died in a peaceful and serene  
state of mind in his home where he died  
an angel smile dispelled the gloom  
and smoothed their passage to the South*

*Jacob Hardman Died April the 18 1858  
Aged 67 years 2 months 24 days  
I am at Rest Weep not for me  
From sin and Death I now am free  
Transplanted to my home above  
A Bloom where all is Peace and Love*

Lewis County, WV, Deed Book D(?) / 161:

C. Hardman to Jacob Hardman

This Indenture made this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty seven between Jacob Hardman of the County of Lewis and State

of Virginia of the one part, Charlotte Hardman of the County and State aforesaid, witnesseth that for the consideration of one Dollar to her in hand paid with the expenses arising out of administration, funeral, appraisment, and other expenses necessary to settle the estate of Peter Hardman deceased, Excepting a debt or claim of Alexander K. Sleith which she agreed to settle and should any other claims come against the above named estate said Charlotte agrees by these presents to pay her share of them, hath therefore by these presents, granted, bargained, and sold, aliened and confirmed to the said Jacob Hardman all the rights, Title, interest, claim and demand which she the said Charlotte hath in a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Lewis on Jesse's Run a drain of Hackers Creek and State aforesaid, containing one hundred and sixty four acres, also another tract on waters of said run adjoining said land on the North side and Deeded from Weeden Huffman to Peter Hardman deceased, containing one hundred and one acres. The tract of a Hundred and Sixty four acres and lying on above run, being on a black oak, and running North 19 West 180 poles crossing said run to a white oak, North 58 E 103 poles to a hickory South 37 East 180 poles crossing the same run to a hickory South 39 1/2 West 105 poles to a stake west 71 poles to the beginning, The other named tract begins on a White Oak corner of the land of Peter Hardman deceased running with his line North 58 East 103 poles to a hickory (sic) corner to said Hardman and John Waggoner with sd Waggoners line North 58 1/2 East 15 poles to a Beech on said line North 15 East 48 poles to a white oak North 25 East 46 poles to a chesnut tree North 8 West 22 poles to a dogwood on a line of a survey originally made for George Arnold with his (with his line with his) line West 88 poles to a chesnut Oak, with another of his South 33 West 110 to a poplar and oak south 15 East 83 poles to the beginning together with all its profits, commodities thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to have and to hold the above mentioned tracts of Land to the sd Jacob Hardman and his heirs forever, In testimony whereof the sd Charlotte hath set her hand and affixed her seal this 15th day of Jun 1827.

Charlotte Hardman (Seal)

Lewis County to wit

William Sims and John Mitchel Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Charlotte Hardman Widow of Peter Hardman party to a certain deed bearing date on the fifteenth of June 1827 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and having the deed fully explained to her declared that she willingly acknowledged the same to be her

act and deed, given under our hands and seals this 15th day of June 1827.

Lewis County Court Clerks office January 5th 1828 this deed together with the certificate thereto annexed was presented in said office and admitted to record.<sup>29</sup>

The above deed was executed as a result of Peter Hardman's death on 13 May 1827. In his will, he willed and bequeathed "to my son Jacob Hardman all that tract or land on which I now live Lying on Jess Hughs run Containing one hundred and Sixty four acres Also I will and bequeath to my son Jacob my other tract of land Containing 101 acres adjoining the above tract. . . . it my will and intention that should my wife survive me, that she is to have and enjoy her equal third part of all the Estate above bequeathed, to my said son Jacob during her natural life and to descend at her death to my said son Jacob as above bequeathed." Peter further gave, "to each of my other sons, Peter, John, Henry & Daniel Hardman, one Hundred Dollars each to be paid by my son Jacob within five years from and after my Decease, and to be paid in property at valuation of two men chosen by the parties. . . . to my Daughters Elizabeth & Catherine Fifty Dollars each to be paid by my son Jacob within five years from and after my death in property at the valuation of two men chosen by the parties . . . set my hand and seal this 2d day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Nineteen." The will was signed by Peter Hardman and witnessed by R. W. Collins, Lewis Maxwell, and Levi Maxwell. It is published in HCJ Vol. III, Is 1, p. 42.

Another interesting item here: In Peter's appraisement, there is listed "1 Note on Thomas Hindzman & James Rains \$17 with a credit of 7 Dollars May the 5th 1824 also a credit of one Dollar 25 Cents November 15th 1824 Ballance of said note \$11.58." This could be of special interest if Jacob's daughter, Arvilla, married a Raines as Jacob's will indicates she did. There was a Raines/Rains family in Lewis, by the way.

QUESTION: Did Jacob carry out his father's wishes to the fullest extent?? by purchasing property for his siblings?????

Note: Madison County, IN, Deed Book 3, p 040. A deed dated 27 Feb 1835 for Jacob Hardman of Lewis County to purchase 80 acres in Madison County. Apparently Jacob had a hankering to follow some of his siblings {brother Peter was in Greene Co, OH, brother Henry had been to Greene Co and

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<sup>29</sup>I did not copy the rest of this - not necessary for our purposes here.

was now back in Lewis after apparent travels elsewhere, sister Elizabeth and her husband Caleb Smith were in Warren Co, OH,

Charlotte, Jacob's mother, died in 1835. Either this is what Jacob was waiting for - or the fact that Jacob was leaving caused his mother to die of grief - at any rate, on the 25th of August 1835, Jacob sold his farm in Lewis County that he had inherited from his father to Presley McEntire (see deed below).

Next, according to the Land Survey Book of Madison County, Jacob of "Madison Co, IN" purchased 80 acres in Section 29 of Twp 18N from the government on 30 November 1835. This fits in with a statement that Anna Maria, daughter of Jacob, came to Indiana from West Virginia shortly after her marriage in 1834; but, it does not account for Jacob not being on the 1830 census in (West) Virginia. Then on 14 Apr 1836 Jacob purchased 80 acres in Section 30 from Saul Reger who had come to Henry County (and then to Madison County) in 1828. Jacob and Saul would have known each other from "back home" where Jacob grew up on Jesse's Run. Saul's wife, Maria Dobson, was a daughter of George Dobson who lived "just up the road (Jesse's Run)" from Jacob's parents (and later Jacob). (See Dobson Family History for further information about Saul Reger and the Dobsons.)

Lewis County, WV, Deed Book F, pages 157/158  
Jacob Hardman to Presley McIntire.

This Indenture made this 25 day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Between Jacob Hardman & Nancy his wife of the county of Lewis & State of Virginia of the one part and Presley McEntire of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Jacob Hardman & wife for and In consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and Sold and by these presents does grant, bargain, & sell unto the said Presley McEntire a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the said county of Lewis and State aforesaid Situate on Jesse Hughe's Run a branch of Hackers Creek bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a black oak stump (note that the black oak tree is now a stump - the rest of the description of this tract is the same as the above deed) . . . containing one Hundred and Sixty four acres also another tract or parcel of Land for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars to him in hand paid . . . (the deed then describes the 101 acre tract in the above deed.)

The deed was signed by Jacob Hardman and by Nancy's mark. (Nancy was apparently unable to write even her name.

"Nancy" is the diminutive of "Ann." This, therefore, is Elizabeth Ann Koon, wife of Jacob.

Madison Co, IN, Deed Book ?, page 147

This Indenture made this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six between Saul Reger and Maria his wife of the County of Madison and State of Indiana of the first part and Jacob Hardman, County & State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged & have granted bargained sold & enfeofed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain sell aliened enforced and confirmed forever all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County Madison & State aforesaid containing eighty acres being the east half of the South East quarter of Section number Thirty in township number eighteen North of Range Eight East of the said tract above mentioned in the District of Indianapolis Together with all the Hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto . . .

The deed was signed by Saul Reger and Maria Reger and recorded on 2 July 1836.

The next document we have supporting Jacob is the 1850 Madison County Census Record on which Jacob is listed as being 58 and Ann as 57. Both were born in Virginia.

One of the most important pieces of evidence in determining who Jacob, and consequently his children were, is his application for his War of 1812 benefits. This document was only recently discovered by Debbie Harley, a descendant of Thomas J. Hardman. The document, pictured on the next page, reads:

On this twentieth day of November AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Jacob Hardman, aged fifty nine years on the 24t day of September 1850, a resident of Madison County in the state of Indiana, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Jacob Hardman who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John McWhorter, attached to the first Regiment of Virginia Militia, commanded by Colonel John Connell in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812, that he volunteered at the county of Harrison in the state of Virginia, about the month of May AD one thousand eight hundred and twelve, but was not mustered into service until in the month of September, next thereafter, that he volunteered for the term of six months, and



JACOB HARDMAN'S STATEMENT DATED 28 SEP 1850

## HARDMAN EXHIBIT A

State of Missouri }  
 County of Harrison }

On this twentieth day of November A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jacob Hardman aged fifty nine years, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850, a resident of said county in the State of Missouri, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the principal freetownsmen who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John McWhorter, attached to the first Regiment of Virginia Militia, commanded by Colonel John Bennett, and that with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812, that he volunteered at the County of Harrison in the State of Virginia, about the month of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twelve, but was not mustered into said service in the month of September, next thereafter, that he volunteered for the term of six months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months, and was honorably discharged at Camp Mingo, on the twenty ninth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, as will appear by his original discharge herewith presented,

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty laws to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States, passed September 28<sup>th</sup> 1850

Jacob Hardman

Known to and subscribed before me this day and year above written, and hereby certify, that I believe the said Jacob

continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months, and was honorably discharged at Camp Meigs, on the twenty ninth day of March AD one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, as will appear by his original discharge herewith presented. (A copy of the discharge was not sent to Debbie with this paper.) He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States, passed September 28, 1850.

s/Jacob Hardman

Jacob's claim number was 42654. The warrant number was 6735. He received eighty acres.

Will: I Jacob Hardman of the County of Madison and State of Indiana do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at this time. I direct that my body be decently entered and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and that after all my just debts is paid it is my request that my beloved wife shall have all that the present law of the state of Indiana guarantee to the widow at this time both real and personal property. And that my real estate be sold, and also my personal property and the proceeds thereof divided in the following manner. I give to my son Martin G. Hardman four hundred dollars I give and bequeath to my son George W. Hardman five hundred dollars. I give to my daughter Alcinda five hundred dollars. I give to the heirs of my daughter Arvilla, deceased, twenty five dollars to be equally divided when they become of age. I give to my daughter Luvernia five hundred dollars and the balance of my estate to be equally divided with all my children, and the grandchildren of my daughter Elisabeth Ranes, deceased, except Arvilla, (deceased) her heirs which is not to be known in the last dividend. I do nominate and appoint my son Peter Hardman to be the sole Exatrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and decree this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below. This 14th day of April in the years of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty eight.

Jacob Hardman (seal)

Signed sealed declared and published by the said Jacob Hardman as and for this last Will and Testament in the

presence of us who at his request and in presence of others have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Christopher Windle

Garret \_\_ McAllister

A. Anna Maria Hardman b. 18-Jun-1812, Harrison (Lewis Co), (W)V, m. 21-Feb-1834, 107 Michael H. R. Wilson, b. 12-Aug-1813, Harrison (Lewis Co), (W)V, d. 3-Dec-1855, Indiana. Anna died 24-Jan-1885, Indiana. Michael: Lived next door to his in-laws (Jacob and Ann) in 1840 in Madison County according to the census there.

1. Jacob Wilson b. 28-Dec-1834, d. 1835.  
Statistics from James Evan Wilson.

2. Rhuama Wilson b. 29-Feb-1836, Indiana.

3. Leverna Wilson b. 12-Apr-1838, Indiana.

4. Archibald Wilson b. 7-Oct-1840, Indiana.

5. William Marshal Wilson b. 14-Mar-1842,  
Indiana.

6. Anna Malvina Wilson b. 13-Oct-1844,  
Indiana, d. 8-Apr-1845, Indiana. Information from James  
Evan Wilson.

7. Isabell Wilson b. 18-Feb-1846, Indiana,  
d. 3-Mar-1847, Indiana. Information from James Evan Wilson.

8. Anthony Edward Wilson b. 3-Dec-1848,  
Indiana. This is James Evan Wilson's ancestor.

B. Peter Hardman b. 9-Aug-1816, prob Lewis Co,  
(W)V, 14 Occ: farmer, m. Elizabeth Windell, b. 8-Dec-1818, 108  
d. 4-Nov-1892, Madison Co, IN, bur. Gravelawn Cem, Falls Crk  
Twp, Madison Co. Peter died 14-Mar-1900, Adams Twp, Madison  
Co, IN, bur. 19-Mar-1900, Pendleton, Adams Twp, Madison Co,  
IN, Res: nr Markleville, IN. According to his death record,  
Peter died of "structural heart change". C. B. Kesling was  
the undertaker. His father was named as Jacob, b in  
Virginia, but his mother's name was unknown; however, she  
was born in Virginia. Elizabeth: Elizabeth's maiden name was  
given on her son Lorenzo's death certificate. She was  
probably the daughter of Frederick Windell who lived next  
door to Zachariah Jeans in 1840.

1. Lorenzo Dow Hardman b. 1-Sep-1840,  
Indiana, 14 m. Deliah/Delilah J. Keller, b. 29-Jun-1844,

Indiana, 14 d. 21-Oct-1909, Adams Twp, Madison Co, IN, 111 bur. Hays Cem, Madison Co, IN. Lorenzo died 30-Jan-1912, Anderson, Madison Co, IN, 112 bur. Anderson, Madison Co, IN. Lorenzo died at 2325 Linn Ave, Anderson. Dr. W. Collins was the doctor and named the cause of death as "cerebral hem". Clayton Sills was the undertaker. Deliah/Delilah: Two of Deliah's heirs were John E. Reynolds and Elizabeth J. Reynolds. Is Elizabeth her daughter or granddaughter?

C. Thomas Jefferson Hardman b. 25-Jan-1819, prob. Lewis Co, (W)V, m. Mary A. Jaynes/Janes/Jeans, b. 1819, VA/OH/IN, d.??-Aug-1886, Scotland Co, MO, bur. Richland Cem, Scotland Co, MO. Thomas died 27-Jan-1911, Milton, Van Buren Co, IA, bur. Richland Cem, Scotland Co, MO. Letters written by Thomas' eldest daughter, Minerva, to her Wilson cousins and presently in the possession of the James E. Wilson family are proof that Thomas was a son of Jacob. According to Debbie Hurley, Thomas put his farm up for bond because of John W. Davis being accused of murder in the 1850's. John J. Selman and Leroy C. Evans were surities on the bond. The surety was released in 1887. In the 1850's Thomas sold 200 acres to pay off some debts. I believe this was in either Davis or Jefferson Co, IA.

1840 - T.J. appears on the 1840 census of Jefferson County, IA. He's 20-30 years old (probably 21 or 22 based on a birthdate of 1819), married, and has a son and a daughter under the age of five. His wife is in the same age bracket. An interesting note: Thomas only lived in Madison County, Indiana, a year or so before moving on west with his family. Other names that "go round" with the family that are also in Jefferson County on this census are Jasper Koons and Phillip Bonnett (probably from Lewis Co, WV). At the same time, over in Van Buren County (from which Davis was formed in the 1840's), were Lewis Bonnett, Nicholas Bonnett, Henry Butt, John Butt, William Butt, John and John Whetzel, all of whom had been Jacob's brothers' neighbors back in Lewis County where they lived on Skin Creek. Living nearby in Van Buren were also Lewis Rains and E.M. Janes.

According to Sam W. Hardman's History of Vandalia which was written in the 1920's, Henry Butt located on the land since known as "the Corathers farm" on Little Skin Creek. Henry is thought to have been the second oldest settler on Little Skin Creek coming behind John Hardman (brother to Jacob and an uncle of T.J.) W.H. Peterson who resided on Little Skin Creek until after the Civil War but later moved to Tacoma, Washington, told Sam Hardman that "Henry Butt had five sons whose names were John, Adam, Job, Abel and Jacob, and I think also one by the name of Henry. . . All went to Iowa except Jacob. John Butt married a daughter of Louis Bennett (should be Lewis Bonnett) and crossed the plains to

Oregon Territory from Iowa in 1845 in the same emigrant train that my uncle, Henry J. Peterson, was in."

Continuing Hardman's narrative pertaining to the Bonnetts: "Peter Bonnett had eleven children whose names are as follows: Mary (Polly), Sarah, Margaret, Nicholas, Samuel, Elizabeth, Peter, William, Matilda, Catherine, and David. The eldest was born in 1806; the youngest in 1830. His wife died sometime between 1830 and 1835. In 1835 he sold his farm and all his livestock and farm utensils he didn't want except two horses and a wagon.

"Loading up a few household goods and some farm tools he left for Iowa territory in the same wagon train with his brother Louis and family and Henry Butt and family and others going west at that time. (Could Thomas J. Hardman have been one of these?) The oldest members of his family some of whom were already married, remained behind; also the two youngest aged 5 and 7 who were left with relatives.

"All the members of Louis (sic) Bonnett's family left the country with their parents except those who were married. About half of both families were left in the community. Peter Bonnett died on the trail somewhere in southern Illinois. His son Nicholas, then 22 years of age, assumed control and trailed the family on into Iowa territory. Louis (sic) Bennett (sic) also died two years after landing in Iowa and his widow shortly afterward returned to West Virginia where tradition says she again married."

1852 - Thomas J. Hardman purchased 160 acres from Ward Lamson and Sara A., his wife, of Jefferson County, Iowa, for \$200. The land was in Davis County, Iowa, and T.J. was "of Davis County." South East quarter of the South West qt & the South West quarter of the South East quarter of section twelve and the north east qt of the North West qr and the North West qr of the North East qr of section thirteen in Township sixty seven North of range thirteen west. The land was in what is known as Grove Township which was named for the number of small groves scattered over it. The land is in section 34 where there is a church and cemetery. I believe this is the Round Grove Church and Cemetery where Ebenezer Wilson was a class leader until he was murdered.

1853 - 15 Jan - Ebenezer Wilson was shot and killed in Groves Twp, Davis County, Iowa.

1853 - 9 Mar - John W. Davis was indicted by the grand jury of Davis County for the murder of Ebenezer Wilson. Witnesses for the state before the grand jury were: Joseph Lee, Francis M. Lee, Peter Giles, James H. Wilson, Pliphus Lister, D. C. Greenleaf, Jno P. Findley, and Ezra McIntosh.

The indictment, as included in a packet of 64 pages found in Monroe County, Iowa, reads:

"The Grand Jurors, duly elected charged and sworn in and for the county of Davis, at a District Court in and for said county, begun and held on Monday the Seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three. . . presented: "That John W. Davis, late of said County of Davis with force and \_\_\_\_\_ on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and fifty-three at the said county of Davis in said State of Iowa, in and upon the body of one Ebenezer Wilson then & there \_\_\_\_\_ did feloniously \_\_\_\_\_ and of his malice aforethought did make an assault and that the said John W. Davis a certain gun of the value of Ten Dollars, then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet (which gun he the said John W. Davis in his two hands then and there held) to against, and upon the said Ebenezer Wilson then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did shoot and discharge and that the said John W. Davis, with the leaden bullet aforesaid out of the gun aforesaid then and there by force of the gunpowder shot and sent forth as aforesaid, the said Ebenezer Wilson, and slightly to the right side of him the said Ebenezer Wilson, then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did strike, puncture and wound, giving to the said Ebenezer Wilson then and there, with the leaden bullet aforesaid, so as aforesaid, shot discharged, and sent forth out of the gun aforesaid by the said John W. Davis, in and upon the upper part of the abdomen of him the said Ebenezer Wilson and slightly to the right side of him the said Ebenezer Wilson, one mortal wound of the depth of six inches, of which said mortal wound the said Ebenezer Wilson from the said fifteenth day of January in the year aforesaid, until twelve o'clock (noon) of the said day in the year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid . . .

NOTE: This statement ends here, but it picks up in another document. The second document says that Ebenezer Wilson "for the space of thirty minutes languished and languishing did live. . . of the said Mortal Wound died."

1853 - 17 May - T.J. puts land up as bond for John W. Davis to guarantee Davis appearance "to answer to a certain charge of Murder and not depart said Court without leave thereof."

1853 - 16 June - Zachariah Jeanes and wife Mary sell to T.J. 40 acres in Davis County for \$50. John W. Davis identified Zachariah as the person named in the deed. The land was in the "South West quarter of the South West

quarter of Section Twelve in Township Sixty Seven North of Range Thirteen West in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fairfield, Iowa, containing forty acres." Zachariah received this land for serving as a Private in Captain Harry's Company Sixth Regiment Virginia Militia, War of 1812.

1854 - 14 Feb - John W. Davis filed an appeal with the court on the indictment saying, among other things, that he "was held to answer before the term of the Dist Court of Davis County at which the indictment in the case was exhibited & presented by the Grand Jury yet he states that at the time said Court convened & said Grand Jury was sworn he was a miner (sic) under the age of twenty one years that he appeared at said Court as he was bound to do. That he was poor & unable to imploy counsil and had no counsil to appear for him that he was ignorant of his rights and did not know that he could challenge the panel(?), that said Court did not have Defendant called. Did not in any inform Defendant that a Grand Jury was about to be empanneled or whether he objected to the panel or inquire of him whether he had cousil or not or was able to imploy council but proceeded to impannell \* swear said Grand Jury without giving Defendant an opportunity to object to the panell of said Grand Jury."

1855 - 14 Feb - State of Iowa vs John W. Davis - Wapello County. John W. Davis filed for change of venue from Wapello County because of "the prejudice of the judge." The change was granted and by the agreement of both parties, the case was to be heard in the District Court of Monroe County beginning in the Spring or April Term 1855. It was ordered that "said defendant enter into bonds in the sum of one thousand dollars with sufficient sureties conditioned for his appearance at the said spring or April Term." Enoch Davis and "John" Hardman entered the bond. In addition, Joseph See, Francis M. Lee/See, D. C. Greenleaf, and Peter Giles, witnesses on the part of the State, entered into proper recognizance.

1855 - Apr 18 - John W. Davis was indicted for the murder of Ebenezer Wilson. Enoch Davis and "John" Hardman were named as his surities. John W. Davis was b in 1834 in Davis County according to info supplied to me by Debbie Harley. His father Enoch, b ca 1810 in NC; his mother Nancy, b ca 1813 in VA. His siblings were all born in Iowa; they were: Mabel, b ca 1836, William M., b 1840, Lidna (?), b 1843, and Eliza, b 1847. Ebenezer Wilson lived 8 homes from the Davis family on the 1850 census. Ebenezer was from Deleware and born ca 1805. His wife was Ann, b 1810, also b in Deleware. Their first child, John C., was also born in Deleware in 1830. The rest of their children were born in

Iowa. They were: James H., b ca 1835, Mary J., b ca 1838, Martha E., b 1840, William G., b 1842, Azeline, b 1844, Hugh, b ca 1846, and Nancy E., b 1848.

On the same day, the defendant and all proper attorneys filed for a continuance of the case. It was granted with a continuance of the present bail. Prosecution witnesses were required to post \$100 bond each.

1855 - 29 Oct - "the said John W. Davis, Defendant, though thrice called at the door of the Courthouse by the Sheriff of this county (Monroe). . . makes default. . . "

1856 - 3 May - April Term District Court Monroe County. State of Iowa vs John W. Davis, Enoch Davis & Thomas J. Hardman. "Comes now the Defendant and files his answer herein and the Plaintiff comes also & files his Demurrer to Said Answer in which being investigated it is considered that said Demurrer is overruled then comes the Plaintiff and files his Replication to answer herein whereupon comes the Defendant and files his Demurrer to said Replication which was heard upon arguments of Counsel and being fully understood it is ordered that said Demurrer be sustained which is accordingly done & it is ordered that said Default in this cause be set aside upon Payment of Costs herein by the Defendants.

1856 - Iowa State Census: T.J., ae 37, a farmer, b in Virginia is listed with his household in Grove Twp, Davis County. Others in the household: wife M.A., ae 27, b Ohio; dau M.J., ae 17, b IN; son M.W., ae 16, b IA; son Will, ae 14, b IA; son J.A.M., ae 12, b IA; dau N.C. ae 9, b IA; dau M., ae 7, b IA; dau H., ae 4, b IA; dau L.A., ae 2, b IA; infant son, b IA.

This listing indicates to me that T.J. must have left Indiana about 1839. If M.J., was born in Indiana in 1839 and M.W. was born in Iowa in 1840, this would have to be the case.

1856 - 7 October - T. J. secured a debt to Cornelius G. Palmer of the sum of \$393.00 with 25% interest by promising to convey to David P. Palmer eighty acres of land to wit "the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section Twelve and the North west quarter of the North East quarter of Section Thirteen, all in township sixty seven North of Range Thirteen West lying in the County of Davis" In the sum was not paid the land would be sold at "public auction in the town of Bloomfield in said County of Davis after giving four weeks notice."

1856 - 27 October - October Term of District Court, Monroe County. State of Iowa vs John W. Davis "Now on this



day this cause being called defendant though called came not whereupon the Prosecuting Attorney asked that the cause stand continued until term and that a plusies warrant issue." The warrant was issued.

1857 - 31 October - The note on the 80 acres secured on 7 Oct 1856 was released.

1858 - 25 March - T.J. and wife Mary Ann (her mark) of Davis County, Ia, sold for \$3000 the South East quarter of the South West quarters & the South West quarter of the South East quarter and the South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section twelve & North East quarter of North West quarter and the North West quarter of the North East quarter of section thirteen Township sixty seven North of Range thirteen West containing two hundred acres of land according to government survey. Sold to John Wells.

1858 - 8 November - State of Iowa vs John W. Davis for Murder: Now on this day this cause being called And it appearing to the court that defendant had not been arrested ordered that this cause be continued and that a Bench Warrant do issue herein.

1859 - 31 May - Same case - "continued for Bench warrant."

1859 - 28 Nov - Same case, same order.

1860 Census - Enoch Davis, father of John W., apparently has died. His widow "Nancy" is listed as owner of the family property in Davis County. Living in the household with her are children William M., Sidney, Eliza, and Enoch T. The last named child was five years old. Also on this census Ebenezer's children are listed, apparently on the family property. The mother, Ann, is not listed and may be deceased.

T.J. and his family are in Scotland County, MO, in 1860.

1860 - 6 Mar - State of Iowa vs John W. Davis - March Term District Court Monroe County: Now comes said State by her prosecutor A. Haris and moves the Court that this case be dismissed and the Court being satisfied that there is no propability of the arrest of the said Defendant, sustained the said motion and orders that this cause be dismissed for the reason in said prosecuting attorney's motion stated that there is no reasonable probability of the arrest of said defendant.

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Write Mr. Pulley the  
Dear Cousin I

Let me take this opportunity to answer the  
letter I received a few days ago and was glad to  
hear from you it found us all well and I hope  
these few lines will find you well  
and enjoying all the blessings and pleasures  
this world can afford you. You said you wanted  
me to write a letter as long as my arm you  
would have it long. I am sorry you would not  
let it reach you on account of my bad writing  
well. Cousin we have lots of trouble now with  
the rebels. There was a band of rebels came in  
one week ago and every good horse they  
come across I understand. A day that union  
troops has come in and they are dead lined for  
the south east I humbly trust the last one  
of them will be shot down. With I am  
at the head of them as he is their leader. Cousin  
as this is my birthday I am going to ask  
A birthday present. What do you think  
it is going to be please send me your like (or)  
have it I will send a card and send it in a  
letter. I am 23 years old to day. Dear Cousin  
since I commenced this letter there has been  
A pretty hard fight 8 or 10 miles from here & or  
10 miles. There was several killed on both sides I think  
Bills Dixons and his men order him to be butcher  
etc etc. Cousin you know something about it. I  
hope you may have you could find out something  
about it. William is his name. To I am with  
his horses. I will leave them for some time  
there was a man of my acquaintance that went  
to I am with his horse and the rebels says

they will hang him if he comes back.  
and his grain is ~~so~~ ready to cut and he Dear not  
come home to his family. Cousin I have been  
to a big wedding and had lots of fun both  
Sunday and Monday your cousin John went  
with a lady that is 28 years old he is 17 will  
not meet with a young lady about his own age  
and not dragging I ~~say~~ had the prettiest  
partner in the crowd. his name is J. C. Parker  
you have heard of him before. I expect  
to go away this next week with to see my  
cousin in way. So I have 150 lbs of  
wool to spin and you may guess it will take  
some work cannot close of. I have to fix the  
sail to go out at 10 o'clock. I have not  
heard from Wesley for 5 weeks he was at Sulphur  
but back of me

Write soon for I must  
close  
Farewell to all my friends

No. 1 of Harman  
To  
W. M. Wilson

I will send my love to I say  
Dear Aunt and we would like  
like to see her come and see her  
this fall it would be a pleasure  
trip for you. and it could not  
cost you much. and I would like  
to see you. I. Harman.

1. Minerva I. Hardman b. 1838, Indiana. Minerava's birthplace is given on 1850 and 1860 census as Indiana.

Fortunately for modern-day researchers, Minerva was a letter writer. Three letters written by her to her Wilson cousins, the children of her father's sister Anna, were preserved by the Wilsons. Until Debbie Harley and I began Debbie's quest for the parentage of Thomas J. Hardman and contacted HCPD members James and Viola Wilson in Rockville, Maryland, the Wilsons did not know who Minerva's parents were. At the same time, Debbie had no idea that she would ever find any old letters in her family. What a nice surprise for both of them!

One letter is reproduced on the previous two pages; all are transcribed below:

Letter A:

August the 4 1860

Dear cousins I take my pen in hand to inform you that I received your letter yesterday and read with pleasure but was sorry (to) hear so many being sick your letter found us all well and hope these few lines will find you all well. I hardly know what to say this evening well I have Just east a sour apple and think I can finish on the strength of it It has been raining for the last week and rained a big rain to Day and I got as wet as folks ever get on my way to sabath (sic) school now singing school time has \_\_\_ me on I have got back I will endeavor to finish my letter I have neglected getting my likeness taken but will have it the next time I go to town and I will be glad when I get yours. I was glad you sent the tombstone nicest crops looks well \_\_\_ not worth much as to the price. they are about same here that they are there I was at a big Dinner the fourth of July and saw about six thousand \_\_\_\_\_ there I must soon to a close give my best respects to all inquiring friends so good evening. Minerva J. Hardman to Mr. Archibald Wilson.

Letter B: Undated

Dear Aunt I must write A few lines to you trusting they will find you well it seems as though you are greatly afflicted no doubt but you have many trubbles (sic) and trials but O aunt Remember through all them that you have a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens O aunt of time do I think of the your Dear companion who no doubt this \_\_\_\_\_ he is with the angles (sic) in heave (sic) of times do I think of it that his affliction was severe but almost his last breath was spent in prayer for the sinner I was then A sinner in the siht (sic) of Almighty god but do trust this evening that I am one of his children and will be able to his will in all things and aunt prayer when you bend

the knee in To seek relief from all your care And raise the  
supplicants earnest pleas.

Once I ask Remember me.

Minerva J. Hardman

Mother's request is to you to sell out and come out  
here were (where) you can get the high winds both winter and  
summer.

Maria Wilson

M.J. H.

Letter C:

AD 1862

Hitt, MO July the

Dear Cousin I take this opportunity  
to answer the letter I received A few days ago and was glad  
to hear from you it found us all well and I hope these few  
lines will find you well. and enjoying all the blessings and  
pleasures this world can afford you. You said you want me  
to write a letter as long as my arm you would have a long  
letter. I fear you would not get it real soon on account of  
my bad writing. Well cousin we have lots of trouble now  
with the rebels there was a band of rebels came in one week  
ago and every good horse they came across I understand today  
that union troops has come in and they are \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
south east. I humbly trust the last one of them will be  
shot down with \_\_\_\_\_ at the head of them as he is their  
leader Cousin this is my birthday I am going to ask A  
birth Day Present. What do you think it is going to be  
please send me your likeness have it drawn on a card and  
send it in A letter I am 23 years old to Day Dear Cousin  
since I commenced this letter there has been A pretty hard  
fight A few miles from here 8 or 10 miles there was several  
killed on both sides I think Bill D\_\_\_\_ and his raiders (?)  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be butcher. Cousin you know nothing about trouble  
if you was here you would find out something about it it  
William<sup>30</sup> has went to Iowa with his horses and will leave  
them for sometime there was a man of my acquaintance that  
went to Iowas with his horses and the rebels says they will  
hang him if he comes back and his grain is ready to cut and  
he Dear not come home to his family Cousin We have been to A  
big wedding and had lots of fun both sunday and monday your  
Cousin John<sup>31</sup> went with A lady that is 28 years old he is 17  
will went with a young lady about his own age and not  
braging (sic) I had the prettiest pardner in the crowd his  
name is J.C. Johnson you have heard of him before I expect  
to go a visiting next weekend to see my cousins in Wayne Co

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<sup>30</sup>Minerva's brother, William Marshall Hardman.

<sup>31</sup>Minerva's brother, John Milton Hardman.

Iowa. I have 150 lbs of wool to spin and you may guess it will take some work I must close afor I have to fix the mail to go out at 10 o'clock I have not herd (sic) from Wesley<sup>32</sup> for 5 weeks he was at Sulphur Rock, Ark

write soon for I must close

Farewell to all my friends

M.J. Hardman

To

W.M. Wilson

I will send my love to say Dear Aunt and we would like to see her come and see us this fall it would be A pleasure trip for you and it would not cost you much. O how I would like to see you. J. Hardman.

2. Madison Wesley Hardman b. 10-Jan-1840, Iowa, m. 14-Feb-1864, Cynthia Walker. Madison died 27-Feb-1889, Jefferson, IA.

3. William Marshal Hardman b. 4-Nov-1841, Jefferson, IA, m. 30-Dec-1866, Mary Ann "Polly" Ray. William died 17-Nov-1924, Scotland, MO.

4. John Milton Hardman b. 15-Nov-1845, Van Buren Co, IA, m. 13-Apr-1865, Martha I. Roseborough. John died 18-Nov-1917, Graham Co, KS. This is Debbie Halsey's g. grandfather.

5. Nancy C. Hardman b. ??-Jan-1848, Iowa, m. 1867, Jeremiah Adams, b. 1836, Virginia, bur. Sunnyside Cem, Milton, IA. Nancy bur. Sunnyside Cem, Milton, IA.

6. Mary E. Hardman b. ??-Dec-1849, Iowa, m. 1867, William Daniels.

7. Harriet L. Hardman b. 1851, Iowa, m. 30-May-1873, Robert J. Newman.

8. Laura A. Hardman b. 1853, Iowa, m. 16-Apr-1883, John Fox.

9. Zacharia James Hardman b. 1858, MO, m. 19-Dec-1880, Emma C. Nash. Zacharia died 17-May-1893.

10. Walter Lillard Hardman b. ??-Apr-1860, MO, m. Alice Valentine ????. Walter died 1930.

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<sup>32</sup>Minerva's brother, Wesley Madison Hardman.

11. Ida Alice Hardman b. 1864, m. Oliver Valentine.

D. Martin G. Hardman m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. Martin paid taxes on Section 78 of Adams Twp, Madison Co, IN, in 1842 according to a Tax List in the Allen Co Library, Ft. Wayne, IN.

1. Jacob M. Hardman b. ca 1845, Indiana.113

2. Stephen E. Hardman b. ca 1847, Indiana.

E. George W. Hardman

F. Alcinda Hardman m. \_\_\_\_\_ Pierse. Is this the same person as Alcinda, the wife of George Long, who lived next door to Jacob Hardman and Martin Hardman (Jacob's son) in Adams Twp, Madison County in 1850?

G. Arvilla Hardman m. \_\_\_\_\_ Raines/Range. Arvilla died bef 1858. Was her spouse William or Zachariah Rains? What connection to West Virginia Rains family?

H. Luvernia Hardman

I. Elisabeth Hardman b. 1810-1820, m. Allen Rains/Raines, b. 1810-1820. Elisabeth died bef 1858. Allen: Family on 1840 Madison County, IN, census, with 16 families between them and Jacob Hardman. According to Minnie McWhorter, Elisabeth was the d/o Peter and Margaret (Hacker) Hardman; but, I believe her to be the d/o Jacob and Ann because she is named as "Elizabeth Raines" in Jacob's will.

J. Eliza Hardman This child is named by James Wilson, 817 Crocus Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

K. Cravel? Hardman Named by James Evan Wilson, 817 Crocus Dr, Rockville, MD 20850 as a child of this marriage.

**DENNISON LETTERS**  
Donated by K. C. Priest

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of letters written by Edmund Dennison to his children.

January 31, 1870

Dear children:

As I have nothing of a business character, nor of any great importance to write, I merely write to let you know how the health of the family is at this time. We are, I suppose, in what might be called usual health for us. That is, you know, only moderate. We never expect to be stout and robust while we remain a family in this world, but (season) has such a demand on us it seems hard to do.

And, while there is one of our family living, our minds are running after them. So that our cares are more numerous since you have left and become somewhat (yeateral) than when you was small. Not many days and nights passes but I try to approach a throne of grace for you all. For your welfare in time and eternity.

Sometimes I feel concerned about you upon the river, knowing that you are surrounded with a system of religion that is not according to God's method of saving sinner. But, we trust you in the hands of God. You have the scriptures which is able to make you wise unto salvation. Read it carefully. We do not wish to burden your minds. If it is a burden on this grave subject we will turn now to something else.

I received a letter from brother McInturff, written on the 17th of this present month, in which he stated that, if no providential hindrance, he will pay us a visit at our March meeting which will be on the 2nd Sunday and Saturday before. He will be at our house on Friday night and preach there and on Saturday at the meeting house and so on day and night till Sunday night.

He has promised to bring his wife with him. I would be so glad if you could all come and be with us and hear him preach. If you can't all come, come as many as you can.

We hope our letter may find you all well and doing well. This letter is intended for both families as a joint letter. Tell (Pap) and Amanda, if they will come down, they can see Canzada's knit (counterpin) which is worth looking at. Lorenzo's family is well and the neighbors generally.

Your friends as ever. Write soon. It don't cost much.

Edmund Dennison



## 1833 JACKSON LETTER WRITTEN FROM ST. LOUIS

John Jackson and his sons, George and Edward, were among the first families to migrate over the Alleghenies and settle along the waters of the Buckhannon and West Fork rivers in what was then Augusta County, Virginia, but is today Lewis, Harrison, and Upshur counties. The independent spirit that brought these hardy souls to the howling wilderness manifested itself in their progeny.

Edward and his first wife, Mary Haddan, were the parents of six children: George, David Edward, Jonathan, Rachel (wife of Jacob Brake), Mary (wife of Isaac Brake), and Rebecca (wife of George White. By Edward's second wife, Elizabeth Brake, eight more children were born: Catherine (wife of John White), Cummins, James Madison, Elizabeth (wife of Nicholas Carper), John E., Margaret (wife of Jonathan Thompson), Return, Edward J., and Andrew.

About 1816 the eldest son, George, moved to St. Genevieve, Missouri. His wife was named Catherine. Sometime thereafter, the second son, David, followed him; he left his wife Juliet and their children behind at Jackson's Mill.

Juliet was a daughter of John Norris, a Revolutionary War veteran, who lived on a neighboring farm.

The exact reasons for David's departure to the west are unknown. Some say he and Juliet were incompatible; others speculate that he was searching for the proverbial "pot of gold." Whatever the reasons, he exhibited the inherent traits of his father and grandfather and was an early settler in new territory. He became a famous fur trader and Jackson's Hole, Wyoming, is named for him.

The two letters transcribed here were written by David and his son, William P. "Pitt" Jackson, to another son (and brother), Edward J. "Ned" Jackson, after David made an unsuccessful "mule speculation" across the continent. Both letters, Pitt's following David's, were written on one large folded sheet of paper and were sealed with red wax. The letters are in good condition, considering they are 161 years old.

The letters are now (1994) in the possession of great??? granddaughter Sarah Jean (Fletcher) Montgomery and were shared with the HCJ by HCPD member Dorothy "Jeanette" (Clem) Bennett of Weston.

Sarah, Jeanette, and the editorial staff hope you enjoy reading these letters as much as we enjoy sharing them with you. We have preserved the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation as they were written.

The First Page of David E. Jackson's Letter

St Louis August 20th 1853

A. C. Dear Sir, Since I saw you I have  
had to travel through the  
province of Sonora and on to the coast  
of California. I will tell you that  
the country is very fertile. We lost about  
the first of the season giving out and the  
Indians are doing very well. I hope until  
you get to the coast of the coast  
it is barren and almost all the distance is  
certainly equal to the distance of arable for  
land and barren. The coast is one  
of the pleasantest climates that I ever saw.  
where almost all the tropical fruits grow  
they make an abundance of wine olive oil  
brandy & and all the coast a perfect pasture  
of Cattle Horses and Sheep for about nine  
hundred miles that I traveled on it.  
Some American Coasters have found the  
way round there that trade in Beef hides  
and a number of Whale Ships touch there  
Every year beyond doubt that is the best  
country to obtain a living in the world but  
there is no chance for a foreigner. I'll have  
by thousands.

New Mexico is generally a poor barren  
country and live on some only on the mountains  
and all the Spanish country they have to  
depend on watering their crops of all kind  
on. On our trip from Mexico to California  
the Indians stole some of our stock killed  
several wounded 2 Mules and one man in a  
defile in a mountain the party got out  
wounded and wounded a number more of them  
but they got in to the Rock where the led to leave  
them.

St. Louis August 20th 1833

Dr Son, Since I Seen you I have had atower<sup>33</sup> to the west through the province of Stafee<sup>34</sup> and on to the coast of Calleforney on a Mule Speculation that has Not been proffitable as we Lost about the half my Sore feet giving out and the Indians oraling<sup>35</sup> ----- from Stafee untill you get within about 90 Miles of the coast it is barren and about 80 the Distance is certainly Equal to the Deserts of arabis<sup>36</sup> for sand and barrenness but the coast is one of the pleasantest climates that I Ever Saw where allmost all the tropical fruits grow they make an abundanc of wine - ollive oil brand etc and all the coast a prefect pasture of Cattle Horses and Sheep for about Nine Hundred Miles that I traveled on it

Some atmerican<sup>37</sup> Coasters have found the way round there<sup>38</sup> that trade in Beef hides and a Number of Whale Ships touch there Every year beyond doubt that is the asyest<sup>39</sup> country to Make a living in the world but there is no chance for a Forreigner Wild horses by thousands.

New Mexico is Geonrally a poor barren country and timber Scarce only on the Mountains and all the Spanish country they have to Depend on watering their crops of all kind

On our trip from Mexco to Californey the Indians Stole Some of our Stock Killed 1 Mule wounded 2 More and one Man in a Defile in a Mountain the party got out we killed Six and wounded a Number More of them but they got in the Rock where We had to bear them

I have been in Masouri Since Febuary last and Sick all Most all the time and can only walk across the hous Now Pitt is with Me and Retturn<sup>40</sup> at Sisters they have been tolerable healthy Since they arrived here the colory<sup>41</sup> has been verry bad in Mo and the adjoining part of Illinois but very Much abated at the time.

My Mules are on the \_\_\_\_\_ I have Directed them to Meet Me at Memphis on the Mississippi where I Shall Start as soon as I am able to travel.

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<sup>33</sup>a tour

<sup>34</sup>St. Genevieve

<sup>35</sup>attacking??

<sup>36</sup>Arabian Desert

<sup>37</sup>American

<sup>38</sup>around the Cape of Good Hope

<sup>39</sup>easiest

<sup>40</sup>David's son, Return Jackson

<sup>41</sup>cholera

I have nothing in particular to write to you as I am not Entirely decided what I shall persue after I Make sale of My Mules, tell Polly and Nancy they have ther Fathers wishes for their health and Prosperity and look forward to virtue and if I live I Shall Possibly be able to Do something for them but Never to forget the beauty of Inocence

Give My best respects to the Rest of the famly in Mass<sup>42</sup> not forgetting Wm Norris family and his Fathers family pertickularly Madison<sup>43</sup> as I have Never wrote him from this country.

My oald friend George Butcher and tell him that I should like to Spend a Day with him and tell oald Hunting tailes the quantity of Buflow Elk Deer Bear Beaver and other Game that he is now acquainted and all acquaintances from  
your fraternal Parent

Edw J. Jackson

D E Jackson

St Louis August the 22d 1833

Dear Brother I have delayed wrighting to you longer than I expected in consequence of Father's disappointment of not receving goods from Newyork I have lived with aunt G Jackson<sup>44</sup> this last season. I am unable to tell at present whether I shal go to school now or go in the south with father I expect to go to school this winter return has lived with me and has enjoyed tolerable health and myself and aunts family. I am told it is sicklyor than common hear this year.

Friends excuse my not wrighting to you before this time as my ocupation has been but little for the last 6 months for which I am unable to ascribe any reason but Father's sickness he's mending now slowly and I expect he will start in a few days to sell his mules I got hear the 16th of March in good health and Cumans a few days after.

E.J. I had given my promise to wright to you whether I retained my integrity to bee everything I have ben in Ohio Kentucky Tennessee --(written on fold, unable to read)-- along the revers where I have been to see John Bailey and Minter and they was well and I \_\_\_\_\_ Minter is a seteam enginerer and gets 15\$ per month. I have been in this place 3 times and 2 th Cholera was rageing the first about 6 or 8 Cases a day of which few ware fatal the second \_\_\_\_ time its ben said there was 25 Deaths some Days it has abated very much for some days past, tell cousin James Bailey to wright to me and you wright how your lot of cattle done last spring

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<sup>42</sup>enmasse

<sup>43</sup>David's half-brother, James Madison Jackson

<sup>44</sup>Aunt George Jackson, probably Catherine.

and how you sold them and how much grass you bent this year  
how your crop of grain looks and tell me who has got the  
bush \_\_\_\_\_ and whether Samuel L. Hayse has moved to Kanhawa  
wright all the particulars of the country also who was  
allected to the ligislator as I understand Allen is to  
congress no more at presant

W. P. Jackson

Edward B. General Ashly is not at home that I am unable to  
send your trunk and have bin ever since my arival hear I  
will send it as soon as I can and Father says he nows  
nuthing of the debt Uncle Brine C claimes of you give my  
respects to Mother and all the Family I shall wright again  
in a few weaks as I have wrote but little now.



Twin daughters (b 12 Oct 1813) of David Jackson posed for  
their pictures in this photograph taken in 1890 by an  
unnamed photographer. They were first cousins of General  
Stonewall Jackson. Nancy Norris (Jackson) Hall is seated at  
left and Mary Jones (Jackson) Hays is at right. (Weston  
Democrat - 7 Nov 1952)

HACKER'S CREEK  
IN THE  
HARRISON COUNTY COURT MINUTES 1784/1810  
by Hartzel Strader  
(Continued from Vol. XI, Iss 2)

pg 44 9 Jan 1785

At a court held at Harrison county courthouse the 8th day of January 1785 for the examination of James Arnold who stands committed to the common goal, charged with the felonious taken away of Henry Flesher's horses and the (Murther) of Daniel Ratcliff on the 21th day of October 1784. Present William Robinson, John Powers, John Prunty, Benj. Robinson and John Goodwin gent. justices. The above named James ARnold being brought to the bar in custody of the sheriff of this county and upon examination denys the facts wherewith he is charged Sundry Witness was sworn and duly examined and the prisoner heard in his own defense and on consideration thereof it is the opinion of the court that the said James Arnold is in now wise guilty of the facts wherewith he is charged and the sheriff is commanded to grant the said Arnold his liberty.

pg 45 18 Jan 1785

Agreeable to a former order of court William Lowther, Thomas Reed reports they have valued the improvements L 15 to be paid by levy, according to the bond.

pg 53 17 March 17883

That William Runyon be appointed surveyor of the highway in the room of Christopher Carpenter.

pg 55 18 March 1785

That William Lowther gent. be appointed the guardian of Isaac Washburn an infant orphan. William Lowther and George Jackson and Nicholas Carpenter his suretys appeared in court and entered into a bond of L 400 pounds according to law.

The court proceeded to lay the county levy to William Lowther high sheriff of this county for publish levies till the November court 1784 past 2.10.0.

pg 56 18 March 1785

That on the motion of William Lowther guardian of Isaac Washburn that John Prunty, George Jackson and Thomas Read together with the possible surveyor of this county to appear on the lands of Charles Washburn deceased and divide the

lands of said deeadant and to appertain to the widow her dower in said lands.

Daniel Davisson the lower bidder undertook to make one pair of stocks, whipping post and pillory agt. next court for the sum of L 5.19.11. Thos. Reed enteres security for the performance thereof.

pg 59 20 April 1785

Jessee Hughes vs. Edmond West Senior - plea not guilty. A jury to wit Hezekiah Davisson, Philip Washburn, Christopher Nutter, John Hacker, Thomas Berkley, William Waldan, Cornelius Ward, John Davisson, (?Josiah) Hustard, Isaac Richards, William Humphrey and John Jackson - verdict and judgt for the debt.

That Jonthan Stout be appointed guardian to the orphan of David edwards deceased.

David Sleeth, Ellias Hughes and William Hannaian proved their attendance for two days each in a suit between friend and Schoolcraft and Peter (Rinito).

pg 61 20 April 1785

Publick claims - Major William Lowther appeared in court, proved to the satisfaction of the court same that he or is in the Volunteer Units under the Command of General George Roger Clark in the year 1781 and obtained from the General a Major's commission and acted in that capacity from 21 day of June until the eleventh day of august and then obtained a discharge, also that he was seven days from the date of his discharge to his arrivall home and that his obtained his discharge near (? Oastoned by tickney) and the discharge was lost and ordered to be copied.

To John Stalnaker himself and two horses, three days packing corn.

To Charles Foringash ten feet of bacons upward to 55 pounds.

pg 64 20 Apr 1785

Grand Jury - Benjamin Jones foreman, Thomas Philips, Jacob Stalnaker Junr., Thomas Wilmoth, Thos. Berkley, Daniel Stout, Andrew Davisson, William Davis, John Allen, Isaac Davisson, Thos. Webb, Hezekiah Davisson, James Arnold, Jonathan Stout and William Haddon, they being the Grand Jury of Inquest for the body of this county being sworn and binding their charge and went out of court and after some time returned and made following indorsements to Wit:

Daniel Fink for drunkenness and disorderly behavior and also John Wolf for getting drunk and also Thomas Nutter for being drunk and also Peter Kinsilo for being drunk, swearing

and behaving disorderly and also James McDead for assault and battery, evidence Obidah Davisson; also Samuel Hacker for break of the Sabbath day. Evidence Mary Cutrack and Elisabeth (?Irvin), also Robert Pike for the theft evidence Caleb Stout - also Benj. Copling by on Thomas and Daniel Fink for allowing card playing in their own houses to the knowledge of two of us also Samuel Burros for getting drunken, also M. McCann for keeping a tipting house to the disorder of the publick, Gilbert Hustate, Major Powers evidence; Also James Gooff and Mary Anderson for having adultery to the knowledge of two of us; Also Jonathan Crouch and Catherine Riffle for living in adultery to the knowledge of two of us; Also William Angling for living in adultery with a (?Cootain) woman to the knowledge of two of us; Also a Benj. Copling for allowing card playing last evening and night by David Murphy, Josiah Davisson Jun., Charles Harris and John Webb to the knowledge of two of us; Also Charles Harris for getting drunk to the knowledge of many of us.

pg 60 18 May 1785

Nicholas Carpenter, Thos. Cheney, John McCalley, John Sleeth and Benj. Robinson, Gent. justices.

pg 68 18 May 1785 Public Claims

Edward Ratcliff, 78 bushels of Indian corn.

Adam O'Brian came into court and proved his issue of land certifcate who was assignee of Hedgman Triplett, assignee of Edward Tanner, containing 400 acres adjoining land to Charles Fornish on Buckhannon River and ordered to be certifyd.

pg 71 21 June 1785

At a court held for Harrison county on the 21st day of June 1785 and OX year of ye Commondwealth. Present: James Anderson, Nicholas Carpenter, William Robertson, John Sleeth and Benjamin robertson gent. justices.

James Anderson absented his seat.

James Anderson came into court and prayed a jury to settle the property of lands between him and John Powers agreeable to an act of Assembly in that can made and proved. That a jury be granted and the sheriff of this county do summons the same and appear on the lands in dispute and report the verdict of said jury to next court.

pg 73 21 June 1785

That George Bush be exempted from working on the highway and the payment of personal taxes.



That a didemeus be granted to Daniel Stout to have James Anderson in Summerset County, New Jersey deposition taken.

pg 74 21 June 1785

On the motion of Alexander Sleeth, David Smith and William Thornhill proved in court that Alexander Sleeth had L3 of a debt on which a Fine (taxes) had taxed from Hampshire Court at the suit of Robert Cunningham, ordered to be certifyd.

pg 75 22 June 1785

The court mett according to adjourment. Present: James Anderson, John Powers, John Sleeth, and Edward Jackson, gent. justices.

Caleb Stout came into court and pray a Didimus to have the Deposition of Jonathan Stout taken in a suit therein said Caleb is plt., ordered that the be granted.

Andrew Davisson came into court and proved his son Josiah (? monage) to pay tax for the year 1784. Ordered that his son be exempted from the payment of the Revenue and certificate for the year 1785.

That an acknowledgement made by Nancy Price to Valentine Stalnaker be admitted to record.

That John Sleeth Gent. take list of tithables from the mouth of Loss Creek and upward including the whole of the rivers on West Fork Settlement.

pg 77 19 Jul 1785

New Actions: John Johnson vs Alexander Sleeth - dismissed  
David Smith vs John Johnson - dismissed

That Samuel Smith be exempted from the payment of personal taxes and laboring on the highway.

pg 79 16 Aug 1785

Sariah Stratten liberty to build a mill on his own lands adjoining lands to William Ratcliff.

That William McKenney be exempted from the payment of all personalt axes and laboring on the highway.

pg 80 16 Aug 1785

Sariah Straten by petition prayed the court for libert to build and erect a grist mill on his own land on Hackers Creek. Ordered that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

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1. My grandmother, Conna Lucinda McQUAIN, b 29 May 1875, Crawford, Lewis Co, m a railroad man, Harry HARRIS from Maryland ca 1905. They moved to Pittsburgh right after that and my mother was born there in 1906. Eventually Grandfather Harry's work took them to Clarksburg where they remained for ten years. In 1919, they moved to Akron, OH, where he worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber until his death in 1925 at the age of 44. Grandmother died there in 1955. Conna's parents were William C. McQUAIN (22 Jun 1848-31 Mar 1920) and Phoebe Jane REED (4 May 1847-25 Apr 1916). They m 28 Nov 1869/Lewis County. William was s/o Alexander McQUAIN (b ca 1824, d bef 1870) and Eleanor ?. Phoebe was d/o John REED and Isabell ??????. Any info the REEDs or McQUAINs will be appreciated. Will share. William H. BECKETT, 554 Charleston Rd., Willingboro, NJ 08046
2. Would like to learn pars of Thomas WILLIAMS of Bullpasture River, Highland (Bath) Co, VA, m Mary Polly ?DALTON?, and d 1849. His children m ROUGH, KENNEDY, PULLIN and SMITH. Would like to find origins and info on family of Elisha WILLIAMS, f/o Thomas S. WILLIAMS who got land from his father. Thomas had dau Nancy, b 1792. Thomas d 1814. Are these relatives of Thomas WILLIAMS above? Seek persons with knowledge of the THORN family of Barbrour Co, WV, particularly Frederick THORN and dau Elizabeth who m William YEAGER in 1809.

Benjamin MOORE, Jr., of Albamarle Co, VA, m Susanna BURTON at Richmond, VA, in 1799. She was sister of Robert BURTON, but who was her father? Their son, John J. MOORE m Elizabeth BRAGG in Albamarle Co, VA, in 1833. Who were Elizabeth BRAGG's parents? Members of this MOORE family migrated to Rockbridge Co, VA, and Lewis Co, WV. Seek their desc.

Elizabeth BRAKE, b ca 1804, had her first child in Lewis Co in 1823, the father was John BROWN, s/o Robert of Freemansburg. She seems to have named most of her children and all of her early children after persons in the household of George WOOFER of near Freemansburg. Was she the older girl in his household in 1820? Who were her parents? Priscilla WOOFER, sister of George, appears to have had at least one illegitimate child named Elias who is mentioned as owed \$25 in John WOOFER's will. Was Elias the only child of Priscilla? A John BROWN m Rebecca NUTT in Lewis Co in 1838. She was apparent dau of Rhodam NUTT and Ruth WOOFER. Who

was this John BROWN.

Caleb GRIFFITH, s/o Abel and Magdalen GRIFFITH, m Mary BEASLEY in Augusta Co, VA, ca 1825. Who were the pars of Mary BEASLEY? Who was the f/o Abel GRIFFITH? What was Magdalen's maiden name? Caleb came to Randolph & Barbour Co, WV. David ARMSTRONG, PO Box 1933, Elkins, WV, 26241.

3. Has anyone heard of a Margaret HARDMAN who m William SPROUT? William b ca 1797 and d 29 Oct 1880. Margaret was dead by 1880 and William remarried at the age of 83 to Rachel DRUMMOND. He only lived a few months. They lived in Harrison Co. William's and Margaret's dau, Rebecca J. SPROUT, m Matthias WRIGHT in 1865. The WRIGHTs lived near Lumberport, Harrison Co, WV. Lyle K. CORDER, 13 Crestview Terrace, Bridgeport, WV 26330.
4. Seeking info/records of birthplace, pars, family, etc., of Catherine HEAVNER, b 1766/1768 m Revolutionary War soldier Patrick SINNETT 1 May 1783. Catherine possibly a child of Frederick HEAVNER, b 1741, Germany, and wife Rachel. Frederick was s/o Nicholas and Elisabeth HEAVNER. Annetta L. WHIPPEN, Route 2, Box 58, Harrisville, WV 26362.
5. Is there connection between George Smith PATTON I, the grandfather of General George S. PATTON III of WW II "Old Blood and Guts" fame, and the PATTON/SMITH families of Duck Creek as mentioned in the 13 October 1929 Clarksburg Exponent Telegram article which was recently reprinted in the HCJ? George S. PATTON I came to Charleston in 1856. He was Captain of a militia organization known as "The Kanawha Riflemen" and their first action with the Confederate forces was in the 1861 Battle of Scary in Putman County. Captain PATTON was later killed in the Shenandoah Valley. Karl W. WEST, 114 Cumberland View Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830
6. Trying to connect Sarah Paulina CHEUVRONT, raised by the Thomas Hall BRANNON family in Gilmer Co, to her real parents. She was listed in 1860 census of Gilmer by that name. She was born in Lewis Co 1 Mar 1846. The Rev. Joseph CHEUVRONT and family are present in Lewis Co at that time. Richard W. REED, 3519 Sunrise Blve, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982-6577 PH: (407) 465-8159
7. Interested in Michael FISHER, b ca 1782, d Mar 1856, wife Anna. They lived near Henry FISHER 1850. Appreciate any info, additions or corrections. In HCJ Vol XII, Iss 1, p 73, my query said John FISHER, s/o Jacob

FISHER, m Elizabeth CLIFTON. This is incorrect. He m Elizabeth ROBINSON. Vernoica J.GENTRY, 2555 Chapelwood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-2868.

8. Would like parents/siblings of John W. ROMINE; m 19 Feb 1824/Harrison Co Elizabeth CONLEY, d/o ??Jeremiah CONLEY and Frances ??? Benjamin VANNOY m 24 Apr 1841/Lewis Co Isabel STUMP; Thomas LOCKHART m Delilah RADCLIFF 22 Aug 1833/Lewis Co; James Vilain TURNER m ?Mary? Corrick? 15 Jan 1808. Need info on these three families. I have Hannah BURKHAMMER, d/o ?Henry BURKHAMMER, m Joseph JARVIS, 13 May 1821/Harrison Co. Who was her mother? Robert McCRAY and wife Rebecca SIMS were pars of Robert McCRAY who m Margaret BENNETT, d/o William BENNETT and Rebecca McCALLY (pronounced McCAULEY). Need pars of Lucinda Jane TOWNSEND and Dennis Overton WADE who m 21 Dec 1846/Nelson Co, VA. Who were pars of James KEITH, b ca 1800?/Lewis Co, d ILL; and Phebe BENNETT, b ca 1802?/Lewis Co?/ d KS. Sonya B. POST, 11364 County Line Road, Bent Mountain, VA 24059.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See Bennett article elsewhere in this issue.

9. I have an unusual query. Two sons in my family are "Floating down the Old Monongahela" and "On the Banks of the Brandywine." I have an old record of each song, but I'd like to have sheet music. For the Monongahela song, the last four lines are:

On the waters glide like shadows falling,  
To his mate the whipperwill is calling  
Maytime is playtime, & beauty, May-time,  
On Monongahela fair.

The chorus starts out with the lines "Floating down the old Monongahela," and the verse explains that a couple on their honeymoon had become lost in the autumn moon while rowing on the "Monongahela fair." Walter FARWELL, 549 East 4th St., Tipton, IA 52772

10. Seek info on Marwood SMITH, also known as Caleb Markwood SMITH. The leads I have indicate Markwood b Upshur Co, WV. He m Olive JOHNS, d/o James and Martha JOHNS, also b in Upshur Co. Believe Markwood d ca 1900<sup>45</sup>. His birthdate is unknown, but he d ca age 43. Olive b 1866, d 1940, bur Post Chapel Cem. Appreciate any info on

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<sup>45</sup>Speculate his time of death based on fact that Olive and Markwood were around the same age!

Markwood's burial place, pars, or siblings. Need pieces to scattered puzzle! Seek info on Mirtle (Dove) DENNISON, b Nov 1879 to Calvin C. and Margaret E. (MORRISON) DENNISON. Mirtle m to a SKIDMORE, possibly in Lewis or Braxton Co. Prior to marriage, Mirtle lived in Lewis Co? The only other info I have on Mirtle is that she had at least one child, a son Rhul. Rhul was in the military, I'm quite sure. Also, an obit indicated that Mirtle lived in Akron, OH, in 1933. Prior to this, another obit placed Mirtle in Sutton, WV, in 1922. If you can help fill in the pieces of my two puzzles, contact Marlene KALTENBACK, 104 White Oak Drive, Evans City, PA 16033.

11. Elmer REED and Phoebe had dau, Ida Gay REED, who m George Winfierd MAXWELL 1901. Who were pars of Elmer REED? He and Phoebe m 1880. Leman MAXWELL, Harrison Co, VA, m Margaret COTRILL; he was in Gilmer Co, 1850 census. Who were Leman's pars? John McCALLY, b ca 1800, m Elender McCALL 22 Apr 1819/Harrison Co. He was s/o Robert McCALLY. She was d/o Barnabus McCALL. 1850 census John is widower, b Maryland. 1788 tax list of Loudon Co, VA, I find a Robert McCALLY. Does anyone know about this family? Emolene LYNCH, RT 2 - 761 Old Seven Road, Coolville, OH 45723. (614) 667-3404.
12. Seek contact w/ children of Albert Earl PRIEST who d in Clarksburg in 1969. Know children are Pam HICKMAN and Leonard Jackson PRIEST.

Seek several issues of "Yesteryears" from the Weston Democrat. Anything before 1988; Jan-Jul 1988; Aug 31 and Nov 16, 1988; Jan 18, Feb 8, and Apr 5, 1989; Aug 29, all of Oct, Nov 7 and 14, 1990; Dec 16, 23, and 30, 1992. K.C. PRIEST, 921 Upton DR, South Charleston, WV 25309.

EDITOR'S NOTE: HCPD is publishing "Yesteryears" as we can; 1982 and 1983 were published several years ago and 1984 is now available. 1986 is being indexed and 1985 is in the works. Robert B. Smith clipped them. Now that he is gone, his son Larry is working on them. See publication list at end of this issue for purchasing information.

13. Where is Crooked Run of Hacker's Creek? Boyd L. SWISHER, RT 11, Box 200, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.
14. I am desc of Thomas and Jane (LEWIS) MAXWELL. Hope someone can help me. Jesse LOWTHER, b 21 Jul 1773, m Mary RAGAN, b 25 Dec 1770. Who were Mary's parents? Abner MAXWELL, b 1785/PA, first wife was Susan DAVID-

SON. Second wife was Judith MODISSETI. Who were Judith's parents? Lewis MAXWELL, b May 1832, m Margaret Drusille MITCHELL. Who were Margaret's parents? My grandfather, William Edmond MAXWELL, m Virginia Elizabeth CLEVENGER in 1892. Virginia was called Jennie. On her side of family, I need following: David CLEVENGER m Jemima WRIGHT (b 1814). Who were her parents? Abraham CLEVENGER, b 28 Nov 1845?, m Elizabeth NUTTER. Her parents were Charley NUTTER and Malinda REED. Any leads appreciated. Glenna RYMER THOMAS, 1806 Division Street Extension, Parkersburg, WV 26101

15. Looking for information about Robert HAMMOND who m Elizabeth LOWTHER 1824 in Lewis Co. He had four children: Elias, Greenbury, John, and Rebecca. Ethel NIELSEN, 25 Bridgewood St., Irvine, CA 92714.
16. Seeking pars, etc., of Levi WILLIAMS (d 1899) who m Mary MURREHEAD (d 1899) in 1840 in Harrison Co, WV. Also pars of Matthias WRIGHT (b ca 1845) who m Rebecca J. ?? Their dau Missouri Florence WRIGHT m William "Waitman" WILLIAMS 2 Nov 1899, Harrison Co, WV. Seek pars, etc., of Rev. Allison BARNETT (1823-1885) who m Sarah ROMINE 31 Mar 1842/Harrison Co, (W)V. Seek pars, etc., of Alfred BARKER (1822-1891) who m Sarah MACKIE, 16 Dec 1841, in Tyler Co, WV. They lived in Doddridge Co, WV. Seeking pars of John REED (b 1795) who m Emeline??. They lived in Harrison Co, WV. Their son, John W. REED, m Elizabeth MORRIS 3 Oct 1861/Harrison Co. Elizabeth's pars were John MORRIS (b 1795) who m Martha ??. Need John MORRIS' parents, too. Seek pars, etc., of Rehuma THOMAS who m George MEURHEAD/MOREHEAD 23 Apr 1793/Harrison Co. The records say father of Rehuma "Amy" was Aron THOMAS. Lyle K. CORDER, 13 Crestview Terrace, Bridgeport, WV 26330.
17. Thomas GAIN/GAINS/GAINES (1818-1883) m Mary Ann CORPENING (1817-1887); Benjamin J. MARKS (1810-1876) m Mary JENKINS; Mary Ann CARLIN (1823-1904), d/o John CARLIN, Jr. and Catherine READ. Would like to correspond with anyone researching any of the above lines. Joseph MARKS, 3738 William Flynn Highway, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-9157.
18. Matthew EDMISTON, b 9 Sep 1814, Little Levels, Pocahontas Co, (W)V. Pars were Andrew EDMISTON and his wife Mary "Polly" GILLILAN or GILLILAND. Matthew m Minerva A. BLAND 13 Feb 1840/Weston, Lewis Co. The 1870 census for family includes following: Matthew, ae 55; Minerva A., ae 48; Harriet S., ae 28; Thomas B., ae 25; Theoderick G., ae 23; Andrew, ae 20; Fanny, ae 15;

Matthew, ae 13; George, ae 10; and Ella R., ae 7.  
Harriet m. Charles E. ANDERSON 10 Apr 1877/Lewis Co;  
Thomas B., m Mary ARNOLD 11 Apr 1871/Lewis Co; Fanny m  
George M. FLEMING 10 Dec 1879/Lewis Co. Would like to  
correspond w/anyone searching or who may be descendant.  
Delbert B. SCHUSTER, 758 North Adams St., Lancaster, WI  
53813-1107. PH (608) 723-2569

19. What town(s) did the Reverend Samuel CLAWSON live in?  
He arrived in Lewis Co by 1839. He was a circuit  
minister and traveled a good deal; but, his family  
stayed in various places including Fallen Timbers,  
Green/Fayette Co, PA, and Right Hand Forks, Braxton Co,  
before Samuel d in 1882. Samuel's son, George,  
apparently lived in Braxton Co because their son, Homer  
Frederick, was b Braxton Co in 1879. Does anyone know  
names of Samuel's other children? Could Samuel's father  
have been Cornelius CLAWSON of Westmoreland Co, PA?  
I know that John HACKER and his brother, William, were  
among the first HACKERS in the area. John had a dau  
Margaret who lost her scalp but not her life to the  
Indians. Later there was a Rev. John T. HACKER. Do you  
know how Melissa HACKER, b 25 Dec 1853, fits in with  
this family? Heidi A. CLAWSON, 50 Dorothy Drive,  
Morristown, NJ 07960.
20. Does anyone have any idea as to what happened to Martha  
JEFFRIES youngest daughter of James N and Martha  
STARCHER JEFFRIES? She was born 2 August 1855 the day  
her mother died and is alive in 1864 as per pension  
papers. Probably was taken in and raised by relatives  
-- but who? Marge JEFFRIES MURPHY, RR 1 Box 203C, Blue  
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